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YOGI II**



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# THE SPIRIT'S DEAD LETTERS



I've been reading a few of the letters in SPIRIT #5 and I just finished reading two very different letters about **Ebony**. It seems to me that both **Jim Brown** and **William Williams** have missed some very important factors in the make-up of my hero.

**Ebony** is neither super intelligent nor super strong. There are just two things he has a lot of—human feelings and guts! There's nothing wrong with being afraid, it's what you do when fear strikes that counts. **THE SPIRIT** never seems to fear anything, which makes him stupid where I come from. **Ebony** is afraid, but he still goes on with what has to be done. That's a real hero.

As a journalist, I asked a Marine Corps Major how he felt about receiving eight medals one day for honor and bravery. His response was, "I only wanted to get back home. I'm no hero."

That's the type of hero **Ebony** is. A real hero.

**BRUCE N. WARNER**  
Athens, Greece

## "THE SPIRIT is hilarious, refreshing!"

**SPIRIT** #5 was quite good. I especially enjoyed "The Return" and the "Hamid Jebbu" story.

I can't say so much for your color story, "The Deadly Comic Book," which I felt was lacking in story and art.

I have one question. When you run out of **Will Eisner's** work, what will you do? Get **Eisner** to write and draw more stories? Get writers and artists from the other **Warren** magazines?

**JAN TUMLIR**  
Geneva, Switzerland



We'll think of something, Jan. But that time is still a long way off!

**SPIRIT** #5 has been making the rounds on my dormitory floor. I've been getting nothing but favorable reviews from guys who had never heard of this hero.

I was first introduced to **THE SPIRIT** in 1966 with the two **Harvey** reprint issues. I've been looking for, and fortunately finding, old **SPIRIT** comics ever since that fatal day eight years ago.

The **Warren SPIRIT** Magazine is like a dream come true. The large size and the fine color gives **Will Eisner's** work new perspective, possibly the best yet!

It would be great if, every once in a while, **Mr. Eisner** could thrill us with a new story or two. His covers have been magnificent, as is all his work!

Thank you for hours of reading pleasure.

**ROGER CONNOR**  
Fairfield, Conn.

I'll keep this short and simple. Of the twenty-seven different comics I buy regularly for my current collection from many different companies, **THE SPIRIT** is the best of them all.

**EVAN HERRICK**  
Oakland, Calif.

I have never written to a comic magazine before, and it is with great pleasure that I do so now. I'm sorry to say that I missed the first two issues, but the third issue hooked me. I never knew that a comic magazine could be this good!

The art is superb and **Will Eisner** has proven to be a master of mood. I would also like to suggest that you please do not put more than one color story per issue as a great amount of detail, as well as much of the mood, would be lost.

With the publication of **THE SPIRIT**, it appears you are now willing to try something besides horror stories. With the talented staff you already have, it could be one of the finest publications around.

**DEXTER BURNS**  
Morgantown, Ind.

Regarding the idea of giving magazines to other comic characters, I think it would be great! However, there is one big problem to consider. **THE SPIRIT** was originally published as a "comic book" Sunday supplement. Some of the strips mentioned as candidates for magazines were comic strips, with a same size panel format. They just might not work as comic magazines.

You could try reprinting some of **THE SPIRIT** dailies to see how it would look and what the reader response would be.

And why not dedicate certain issues of **THE SPIRIT** to specific villainesses? I'd love to see an all **P'Gell**, **Silk Satan** or an all **Sand Seref** issue. The remarkable six week "Jewel of Gizeh" series would make a great issue, with two other **Sand Seref** stories thrown in.

Let's see some **SPIRIT** stories that weren't drawn by **Will Eisner**. **Eisner** is, of course, one of the greatest comic artists of all time, but I would like to see how other artists might handle **THE SPIRIT**.



**RON OLESKO**  
Bergenfield, N.J.

A spectacular **SPIRIT** special issue is coming soon featuring **THE SPIRIT's** finest villainesses, **Ron**. It should be just the sort of issue you're looking for!

I like your books a lot but I would like to see some new stories.

I am trying to form a **SPIRIT** fan club in our town.

My favorite story of all was the "Elevator." I like **THE SPIRIT's** sidekick **Ebony** a lot.

**STEVE SELL**  
Sellersville, Pa.

**Will Eisner** is the master comic artist and **THE SPIRIT** is the master comic.

#5 was the best issue of **THE SPIRIT** yet. "Hamid Jebbu" was the highlight, though all the stories were superb. Please keep **THE SPIRIT** like he is with **Ebony** and all other regular characters.

**W.W. SALLENGER**  
Florence, S.C.

I extend to you my deepest thanks and utmost appreciation for reviving **THE SPIRIT** from his much too extended retirement.

I am a student at **Newark School of Fine and Industrial Art**. **Will Eisner's** work has been a never ending source of inspiration to me, ever since I first met **THE SPIRIT** and **Ebony** in 1969 in Viet Nam. Since then, I have collected, bought, begged, borrowed and almost stolen every piece of **SPIRIT** comics I could get my hands on.

**Eisner** and his **SPIRIT** have long been, and always will be, an immortal testimony to the quality of art and literature that can be achieved by an artist who honestly cares and feels something for his work and those who read it.

He not only created a character; he gave life and personality to individuals with identities in an era when all a comic "hero" really needed was muscles, flashy long-johns and a misty-eyed, problem prone, female admirer.

He gave us **Ebony White** when black people were all but ignored in the comics media. And, for the benefit of **Mr. William Williams**, had he given **Ebony** the personality of **Stokely Carmichael**, there would be no **SPIRIT** for **Mr. Williams** to complain about.

I see nothing undignified in **Ebony**. Instead I, and my many intelligent, talented black friends see a warm, compassionate, loyal, loving, understanding and courageous person. **Ebony White** and **Denny "THE SPIRIT" Colt** share a friendship that ten times all the militant speeches this nation of people has ever heard, could never destroy.

**JOSEPH S. PAPP**  
Lodi, N.J.



**THE SPIRIT's** controversial sidekick, **Ebony White**, stars in his own issue this month, featuring eight great tales that let our readers see the kind of hero **Ebony** really is.

# "Ebony is a real hero!"

THE SPIRIT is the most hilarious, original and refreshing comic I have ever read!

And I am probably the only fan who doesn't like the color section. It spoils the atmosphere that is so fabulous in black and white. In fact, if you had no color section, you could probably knock a few cents off the cover price. Ah well, so much for daydreams.

I would love to see a magazine of Alex Raymond's Flash Gordon. Is it possible?

**DAILE NICHOLSON**  
Acton, Mass.

My feelings toward *Ebony* are opposite William Williams.

Quite often I see *Ebony* save the day by catching some crook or uncovering some criminal syndicate.

As for his "childish acts" it is normal for a kid his age to spell words incorrectly. A child wouldn't have perfect grammar either.

He may act silly at times, but so does THE SPIRIT. Everybody does dumb things which seem humorous to others. And *Ebony* may sometimes lack knowledge, but he doesn't lack intelligence.

*Ebony* does not just represent blacks. He represents children of all races, and he does so with flying colors.

Yes, *Ebony* is black, a kid, and he's not perfect...but then, are any of us?

**DANA UTZ**  
Geneva, Ill.

THE SPIRIT is the finest publication on the market today. The team of Will Eisner and Jim Warren is an unbeatable combination—Eisner, for his superior stories and artwork and Warren, for having enough sense not to let THE SPIRIT languish in comic book limbo.

Eisner's art is reminiscent (especially in the black and white format) of the "Film Noir" style in movies of the mid-forties and early fifties, because of his use of "low-key" lighting and his composition of the "mise-en-scene." This cinematic term is defined roughly by Brian Henderson in "The Long Take in Film Comment," as "the art of the image itself—the actors, sets, and backgrounds, lighting and camera movements considered in relation to themselves and to each other."

It seems safe to assume that Eisner has some amount of knowledge of the shadowy, fatalistic "Film Noir" attitude.

I thank you and ask you to continue publishing THE SPIRIT.

**BRETT BAKKER**  
Cranford, N.J.

The tables have been turned! THE SPIRIT is being hunted! Hero turns criminal! Heavy, but it's been done to death. Who cares...

That's what I thought when I started reading "The Hunted." Sure, I was skeptical. I've read a hundred "hero turns criminal" stories and most of them were awful. I knew I wasn't going to like it. But I was wrong.

I forgot THE SPIRIT is unique. Steady girl, non-hero sidekick, and no real secret identity are THE SPIRIT's trademarks. That story was really something else. I was surprised.

Kudos, Will Eisner!

**STEVEN HORNBECK**  
Lake Katrine, N.Y.

You've stirred me to write again to my favorite comic magazine, THE SPIRIT! I really get into Will Eisner's mood and suspense-filled stories.

I identify with THE SPIRIT. I especially emulate him when it comes to women (through no fault of my own, of course!)

I also get a kick out of the bruising fist-fights he engages in. I love seeing knock-down-drag-outs where only one person is left standing.

THE SPIRIT #5 was an exceptionally good issue. You see, I've just graduated from boot camp on Parris Is., S.C. (Marine Corps., of course). I'd been starved for reading material and I knew I'd have SPIRIT #5 waiting for me when I go home on leave. It was well worth the wait. All I can say is a monthly status would be the only improvement you could make on THE SPIRIT.

**P.F.C. STEVEN THOMPSON**  
Urbana, Ohio

I had never heard of THE SPIRIT 'til I was on vacation at Wildwood Crest. I went to the store and saw a Mad comic for a dollar. I didn't have any money then, but the next day, when my dad gave me some, I ran for the comic store.

But somehow, the Mad didn't look so great any more. Then I saw THE SPIRIT #3. I got that and boy, it was great! Then I bought #4 and that was good too. Then I got some cash for my birthday, and sent away for #1 and #2. Fantastic stuff! Now I have just finished #5. Same great work!

I sure am glad I saw THE SPIRIT #3 or I would never have known what a great comics classic I was missing!

**DAVID TRASKUS**  
Wilkes-Barre, Penn.



"Hamid Jeburu" wins reader laurels as the top story in THE SPIRIT #5. Although they have their favorites, readers agree that Will Eisner is the best storyteller around!

I met Will Eisner's peerless protege, THE SPIRIT, in 1966 when Harvey Comics tried to compete with DC and Marvel by offering a slate of "super-heroes." Though all were short lived, two were exceptional.

One of them, Joe Simon and Jack Kirby's parody on their own "Captain America, Fighting America," was excellent because it exposed the ludicrous world of the "long underwear hero."

The other, of course, was THE SPIRIT. At first, I wasn't sure what they were trying to do. How could an all-American do-gooder (sans costume yet) hope to compete with the likes of Spiderman or the Hulk? But THE SPIRIT was something different!

The stories were short but much more complete and fulfilling than many so-called "book length novels." The art was miles ahead of anyone else in the field. But the best part was the concept.

THE SPIRIT, thoroughly bludgeoned by an army of baddies, never took his tongue from the sometimes bloody confines of his cheek. It was love-at-first-reading!

I waited impatiently for the second issue. At last it came. Then Harvey resolutely returned to Casper the Friendly Ghost and I returned to a state of increasing frustration.

Placated, but not satisfied, by the all too brief articles

about my champion in the "Penguin Book of Comics," Jules Feiffer's "look-back-in-satire," and Jim Steranko's fine history, I yearned for more.

Then, early this year, I passed a magazine rack and noticed a familiar blue snap-brim hat on the corner of one of the magazines! What luck!

For six glorious issues, I have been ecstatic. My only complaint has been the long wait from one issue to the next. There is nothing like THE SPIRIT!

Jules Feiffer said, "Will Eisner is a cartoonist other cartoonists swiped from." As a cartoonist with a local ad agency, I can verify the truth of that statement. I've learned more from Eisner than from any other single source.

My SPIRIT collection commands top spot in my art library. Each panel of every story has been studied for content, composition, pen and brush work. And each time, I learn more.

Please include an article in THE SPIRIT Magazine soon, explaining Eisner's drawing techniques. If we're going to "swipe," we might as well do it right!

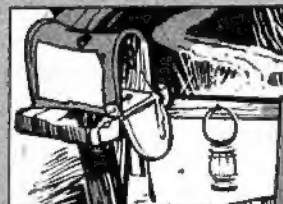
And to the heretics who suggest that other artists draw THE SPIRIT: would they have a chimney sweep perform open heart surgery? Sheer blasphemy!

**KENT HANSEN**  
Ogden, Utah

## IT GETS AWFULLY LONELY AND SPOOKY IN WILDWOOD CEMETERY!

Even to a big, tough brute like THE SPIRIT, Wildwood Cemetery can seem like a spooky place at night. Help a lonely SPIRIT. Write to:

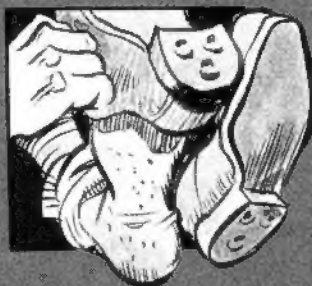
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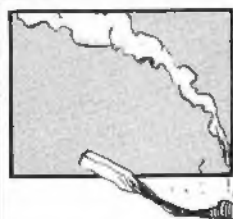




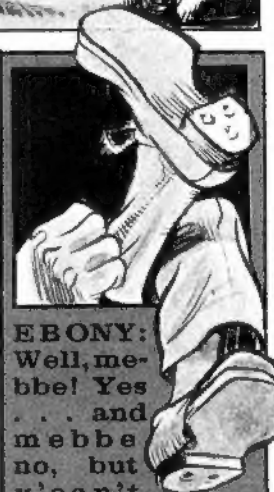
**DOLAN:** For sometime now I've been writing my memoirs. I'll need to have some information regarding your relationship to Denny Colt... I mean, of course, The Spirit. Exactly when did you first become associated with him?



**EBONY:** About June 2, 1940, I was driving a cab and he jumped in, asked me to he'p him. Ah could see right then he was in bad need of a fearless assistant. You might say it was a case of instant recognishun.



**DOLAN:** Ah, yes... that was the case of "Doctor Cobra" and his mad attempt to poison the city's water supply. Would you say you were the prime factor in his rescue?



**EBONY:** Well, mebbe! Yes... and mebbe no, but y'can't say the police did very much to him. Can yo', Mist' Commissioner?



**DOLAN:** Hmpf... that's another subject young man!! Now, how do you see your relationship in this association? I mean what is your role vis-a-vis The Spirit?



**EBONY:** The crime situation in modern society is very complicated. To combat this ah need all the help ah kin get. The Spirit is a perfect assistant.



**DOLAN:** Huh?!... The Spirit is your ASSISTANT?? You'd better explain that one, young man!



**EBONY:** Simple... how else do you think ah could solve all those cases?



**DOLAN:** Now if that's not the most immodest, egotistical, self serving, immature, arrogant claim for credit I've ever heard.

**EBONY...** Don't rightly know whut yore so mad about. Ahm not dee-tractin' a bit from The Spirit. He has helped me tremendously! He is a brilliant criminologist. He is one of the most athletic men ah know. He's got a fine sense of fairplay and justice. He's mo' than a match for the most cleveh of the crooks, and fiends ah cum up against. True, he's a little soft on wimmin (but ah'm on top o' that) and he sure gets knocked about. But I will admit that without him ah could never have achieved this great record of success. Yo' can say in yore book that ah depend on him!



MEMORANDUM  
TO  
**THE SPIRIT**

BY WILL EISNER

FROM  
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PRIVATE EYE,  
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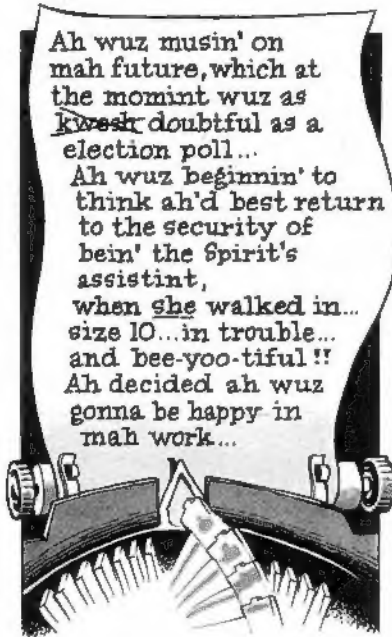
IN THE MATTER WHICH AH PRE-FER  
TO CALL THE "BIG SNEEZE"  
CAPER...

DETECTIVE  
AGENCY

EBONY  
WHITE

REAR VIEW

**THE  
BIG SNEEZE  
CAPER**



AH MADE NO REPLY... (AH COULDN'T)... AH SWALLOWED TWO FINGERS O' RAZBERRY POP... AND WAITED...



SHE SAID SHE WUZ A BABY SITTER... (IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN TRUE). SHE SPIELED THAT SHE'D GOTTEN A LINE ON SAID BABY BEIN' A SNATCH SET-UP ON THE NIGHT SHE WUZ TO SET FO' HIM.



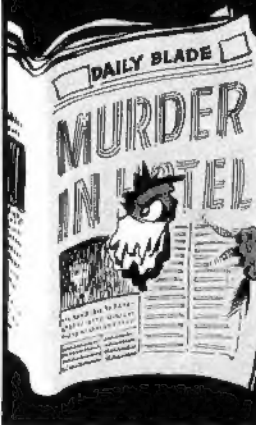
SHE WROTE THE ADDRESS IN LIPSTICK ON MAH SHIRT-FRONT, AND SLID OUT THE DOOR AS SMOOTH AS LACE BEIN' DROPPED ON A VELVET CARPET IN THE MIDDLE OF A SNOWSTORM.



HELLO... MRS. GREENE... Y'DON'T HAFTA WORRY ABOUT A BABY SITTER TONIGHT... I'VE GOT A SUBSTITUTE!



IT WUZ PLAIN TO SEE, THERE WUZ MORE TO THIS CASE THAN MET THE PRIVATE EYE...



SHE DRIFTED DOWN GOON PLACE, AROUND COFFIN DRIVE, AND PAST BLOOD ALLEY... SHE DIDN'T KNOW IT, BUT SHE HAD COMPANY... AH WUZ BEGINNIN' TO SEE THE LIGHT, WHEN...



SOMEBODY PULLED DOWN THE SHADE...





AH WUZ FLATTER THAN A BUBBLEGUM WITH A RETREAD...  
AH STRUGGLED THROUGH THE BELLS AND BIRD MUSIC...  
... ONLY A 260-POUNDER WEARING SADDLE SHOES AND BROWN SOCKS COULDA SMEARED ME LIKE THAT...



1564 SCREAM TERRACE! DIS IS DA PLACE, CROAKER...

YEH..AN'I GUESS DIS IS DE GREENE BRAT DAT BIG SNEEZE WANTS!



MAH HEAD FELT LIKE A MARSHMALLOW OVER A HOT FIRE... AH TRIED T'GET UP... IT WUZ A GOOD TRY, BUT AH NEVUH MADE IT...



THE FIRST THING AH SAW WUZ A LIGHT FAR AWAY... IT GOT BRIGHTER, LIKE A STREET LAMP IN A SNOW STORM...



EBONY!  
DID YOU SEE A LITTLE BOY THROWING SNOWBALLS WITH ROCKS IN THEM?

OFFISUH KLINK... HUH??

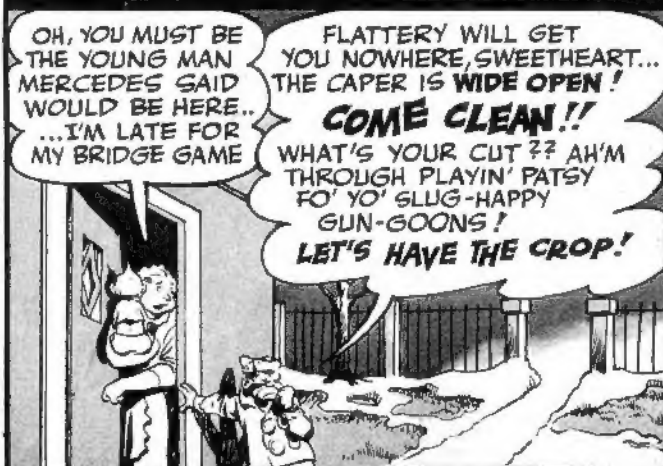
WHY DO YOU COPPERS ALWAYS SHAG US PRIVATE OPS FER Y'R LEADS? MAH LICENSE IS PAID FO', AND AH DON'T BETRAY A CLIENT'S CONFIDENCE! SO, EITHER BOOK ME ON AN AIR-TIGHT RAP... OR GIVE ME ROOM!



HUH?



THE RASPBERRY POP TORE A HOLE IN MAH STOMACH AN' RE-VIVED MAH INTEREST... AH ZIGZAGGED UP TO THE HOUSE, MAKIN' SURE AH'D BE A BAD TARGET FO' ANYONE WHO WANTED TO PLAY ROUGH...



OH, YOU MUST BE THE YOUNG MAN MERCEDES SAID WOULD BE HERE...  
...I'M LATE FOR MY BRIDGE GAME

FLATTERY WILL GET YOU NOWHERE, SWEETHEART...  
THE CAPER IS WIDE OPEN!

**COME CLEAN!!**

WHAT'S YOUR CUT ?? AH'M THROUGH PLAYIN' PATSY FO' YO' SLUG-HAPPY GUN-GOONS!

**LET'S HAVE THE CROP!**

**CROP? CAPER??**

...WHAT IN THE WORLD...??

O.K... PLAY IT YOUR WAY, SISTER! BUT AH'M SHUFFLIN' OUT O' THIS PLANT EF'N AH'M NOT WISED TO THE GRIFT RIGHT AWAY!



THEN IT HAPPENED AGAIN...  
FROM OUT OF NOWHERE,  
"SADDLE SHOES" PAID ME  
ANOTHER CALL...AND IN THE  
TWINKLIN' OF A BLACKJACK,  
AH KNEW SOMEONE WUZ  
OUT TO DISCOURAGE ME...



AND AS AH BLACKED  
OUT, AH KNEW THAT  
WHOEVER IT WUZ  
KNEW THAT AH WUZ  
HOT ON THE TRAIL...



MAH HEAD FELT LIKE A FLY IN A WIND TUNNEL...  
A LITTLE MAN LEERED AT ME WITH EYES AS LARGE  
AS SUSPENDER BUTTONS...



O.K, PUNK..  
WHERE DIDJA  
HIDE THE PLASTIC  
KEY?

C'MON! I KNOW ME  
MUDDER SLIPPED YOU  
THE KEY TO TH' COOKIE  
CABINET! WHAD'JA  
DO WITH IT??



HE LOOKED AS NASTY AS A  
BUMBLEBEE IN A TURKISH  
BATH...HE WANTED  
COOKIES, BUT AH WUZ'N  
GIVIN' NOTHIN'....

OH!! A WI-I-SE  
GUY, EH?



AH BANGED MAH HEAD AGAINST HIS  
FIST...HIT HIS KNEE WITH MAH JAW...  
THE CEILING SLUGGED ME WITH A LOW  
BLOW, AND TWENTY NEON LIGHTS  
FLASHED ON AND OFF... ALL  
SAYING "SUCKER"...



HEY...  
WHO  
ARE  
YOU  
GUYS  
??

WE GOT THE  
WRONG KID LAST  
TIME, THROUGH  
METHODS O'  
BRUTE FORCE...  
THIS TIME, LEAVE  
US TRY SUBTLETY!

HEY, BUB... WHICH  
ONE O' YOUSE  
IS GREENE?



MAH BEFOGGED BRAIN REMEMBERED  
THESE GUNBOYS !! IF AH WUZ TO  
BUY IN TO THIS PARTY, NOW WUZ  
THE TIME TO STICK MAH FOOT IN  
THE DOOR AN' HELP PROTECK  
MAH CLIENT!

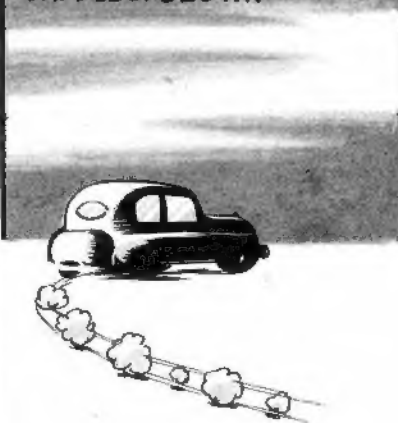
ME!! I'M  
GREENE  
!!

IT'S A  
FRAME...  
AH'M  
GREENE  
!!

WE CAN'T  
TAKE NO  
CHANCES  
WID BIG  
SNEEZE...  
LET'S  
TAKE 'EM  
BOTH!



THAT NAME... BIG SNEEZE!!  
AGAIN AH HEARD IT, AND AH  
WONDERED HOW HE FIGURED  
IN WITH THE BABY SITTER,  
THE PLASTIC KEY, THE GREENE  
SNATCH, AND MAH FRIEND.  
"SADDLESHOES"...







O.K., POUCHY, IT'S YOUR PLAYPEN... WHAT'S THE SCORE? YOU HOLD THE CARDS AN' THE CHIPS ARE ON THE TABLE! YO'RE DRIVIN' THE TAXI AN' YOU C'N FIX THE METER IN YO' FAVOR! YO'...



**HACHOO!** GESUNDHEIT... I OBSERVE THAT YOU, MR. WHITE, ARE A MAN OF RARE INTELLECT AND <sup>SNIFF</sup> ABILITY... FOR THIS ..ER..MESSY AFFAIR IT MIGHT WELL AFFORD ME TO ENGAGE YOUR SERVICES...

AH... **HACHOO!** GESUNDHEIT.



IT WAS THEN THAT AH SAW MERCEDES SITTING IN THE CORNER... SHE WUZ AS STIFF AS A STARCHED COLLAR... EVERYBODY ON THE CAPER WAS IN THE ROOM... **THIS WUZ THE WAY AH LIKED IT!**

AH GOT A CLIENT, BUT IT'S ON Y' A WATCHDOG JOB... EF'N YO' KIN PLAY A NICE TUNE ON YO' BILLFOLD, AH'LL DANCE!



THEN ALLOW ME TO ENLIGHTEN YOU ON THE COUGHASTROPUS SADAVI (...THE SAMOVAR COUGH DROP). AS YOU KNOW, KING SYZE III, IN HIS CRUSADE AGAINST FORDAWAH IN 1235 A.D., CAME BACK MIRACULOUSLY RECOVERED FROM HIS TERRIBLE COLD... FOR IN FORDAWAH HE HAD DISCOVERED THE SAMOVAR COUGH DROP!



THIS WAS A MIRACULOUS CURE FOR THE COMMON **HACHOO!** COLD AND/OR SNEEZE.

...THIS FABULOUS BAUBLE WAS PASSED DOWN BY GENERATIONS... FREDERIC OF HAUGWASH... PHILIP OF SCHNOPS, ETC... THEN IT MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED FOR SIX CENTURIES UNTIL IT ARRIVED IN CENTRAL CITY A MONTH AGO TO BE OFFERED TO THE GREENE BROTHERS COUGH DROP COMPANY (OWNED JOINTLY BY MY BROTHER HARLOWE AND MYSELF)... **HARLOWE STOLE THE SAMOVAR COUGH DROP AND IS GOING INTO PRODUCTION ALONE! AHCHOO!**

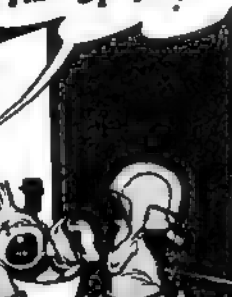


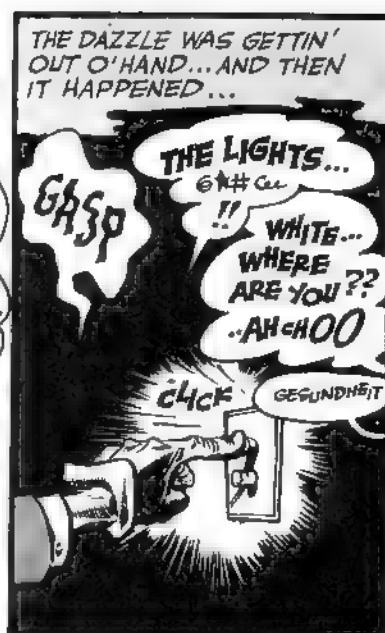
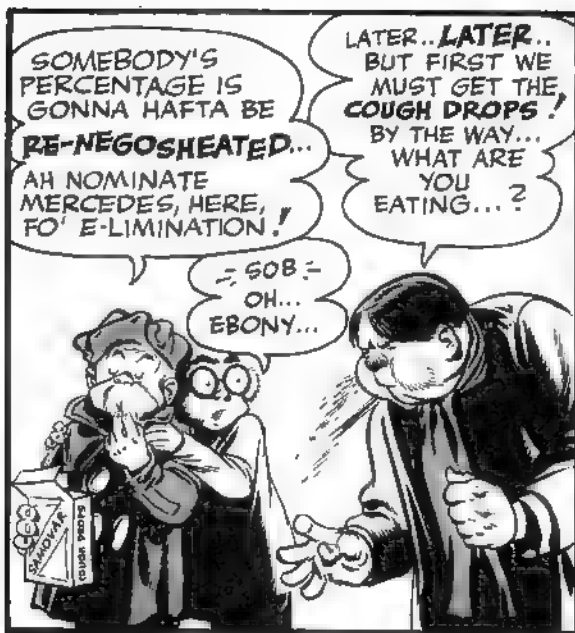
I, SIR, AM NOT ONE TO TAKE SUCH AN AFFRONT STOICALLY! **HACHOO!** ... BY KIDNAPPING HARLOWE'S SON, BORIS, I AM NOW IN A DICKERING POSITION FOR THE COUGH DROP! **AHCHOO!** WILL YOU JOIN ME AS MY AGENT, SIR?...

**A-CHOO!** GESUNDHEIT GESUNDHEIT GESUNDHEIT



HMM... THIS AIN'T FO' PEANUTS... THIS IS BIG! IF AH'M GONNA BE YO' OUT MAN, AH GOTTA BE IN ON TH' GRAVY... **ALL OF IT!**





THE CROOKS SEEMED TO BE FALLIN' ALL OVER.. AH DON'T KNOW WHY!! ...IT WAS TIME FO' ME TO CLEAN UP...



AN' THEN SILENCE SETTLED OVUH ALL... AH SUNK DOWN... EXHAUSTED... THE CASE O' THE BIG SNEEZE DONE ENDED...





LATER...

When Ah awoke, the gang was bein' driven away by the police. In mah semi-conshuss state Ah had subdued the mob and buzzed the blue boys.

Ah returned the Greene kid, but the old man welshed on mah fee, so the caper netted zero.

Ah found out later that Mercedes was levelin'... but unfortunately she decided she likes the collegiate type. She is now goin' steady wif a 240-lb. fella wif saddle shoes... Ah'm workin' on that angle right now.

*Ebony White*  
license no 36548

HA HA...WHAT A KID!! HOWEVER, IF I HADN'T BEEN FOLLOWING HIM TO MAKE SURE HE KEPT OUT OF TROUBLE, WE MIGHT NEVER HAVE FOUND BIG SNEEZE...



MIST' SPIRIT... AH HAS DEE-CIDED TO TOSS A DEAL YORE WAY... MAH DOCTOR HAS ADVISED ME THAT THIS RUGGED LIFE O' SODA POP AN' COUGH DROPS IS A RAW SHUFFLE... SO AH MAY THROW MAH BRAIN BEHIND YO' BRAWN AG'IN...



OF COURSE, MAH RETAINER'LL HAFTA BE HIKEED... BUT WE COULD GIVE CRIME THE COLD-WATER CLATCH AN' PULL IN A BIGGER TAKE WITH A PARTNER ACT!... THINK IT OVUH...



WHAT IN...

??

SIMPLE, DOLAN! HE JUST LOVES DETECTIVE STORIES!



...YOU'RE CHEWING GRASS ON A COLD PASTURE IF Y'FOLD OVER ON A FAKE LINE BUCK LIKE THAT!! ...ER... PARDON ME WHILE I POUR MYSELF THREE FINGERS OF STERN STUFF FROM YOUR WATER COOLER...



# THE SPIRIT'S GLOSSARY OF DETECTIVE TERMS

USED IN THIS STORY

A HANDY DICTIONARY FOR LISTENING TO PRIVATE EYE SCENES

I HAVE JUST DEMONSTRATED A "PATSY WALLOP."

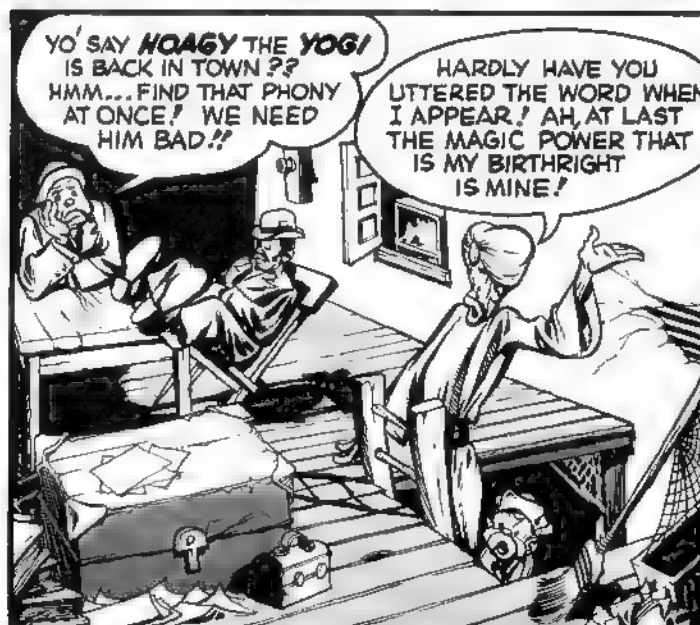
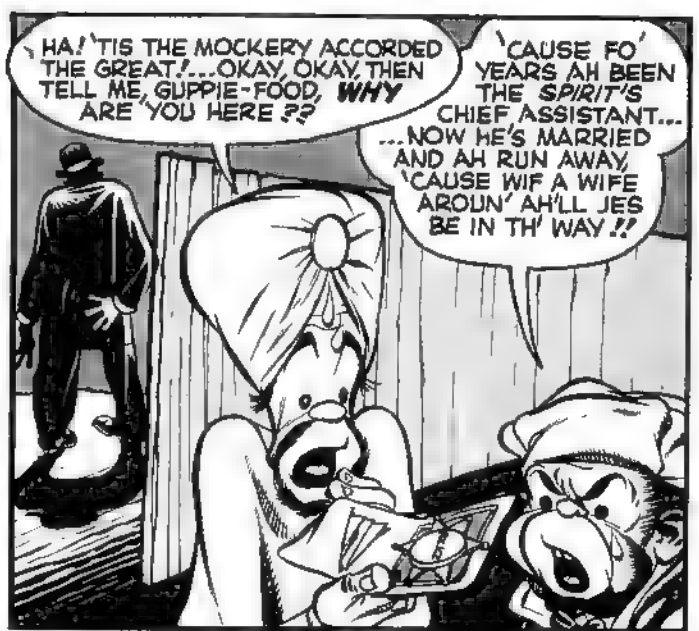


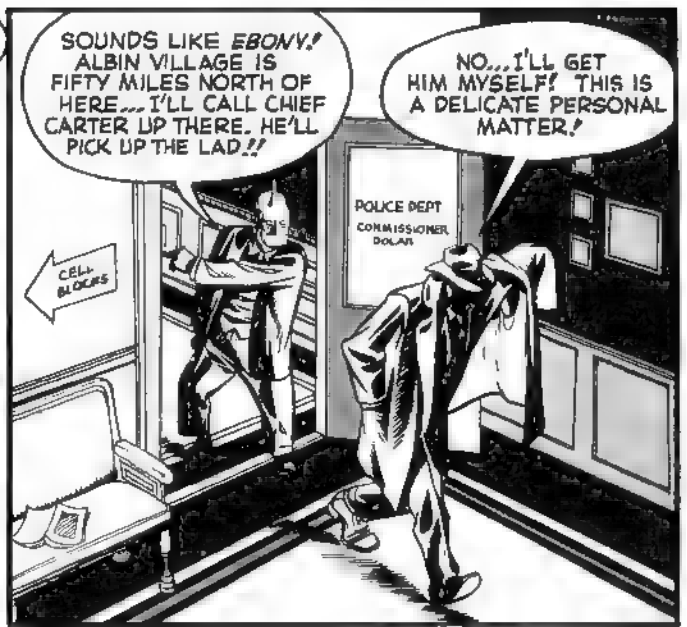
ANGLE... a snaffle, heap...see "The Maltese Onion Caper". Sam Slate, Jan. 2  
CAPER... a dazzle, plot...see "The Kopper Kipper Kaper". The Flatman, Nov. 1  
COLD WATER CLATCH... a hot lead brush, a freeze finish...see "The Falcon Malted"  
CROP... the rub, reap...see "The Cremated Cockroach Caper". The Flatman, Dec. 3  
GRIFT... angle, dazzle...see "The Inverted Tonsil Caper". Sam Slate, Oct. 15  
GUN GOON... gunsels, logan...see "The Pink Petunia Caper". Sam Slate, Feb. 3  
OUT MAN... a handle, a plumb... see "The Rusted Rhubarb Caper"  
PATSY... a fall guy, a drop... see "The Mangled Meatball Caper"  
PLANT... a gimmick, a snaffle... see "The Sniffle Snaffle" caper  
PRIVATE EYE... a shamus, a peeper... see "The Curdled Crumb Cake" caper  
RAW SHUFFLE... dead deal, beat logo...see "The Spiked Ike Caper"

...SADDLE SHOES AGAIN...

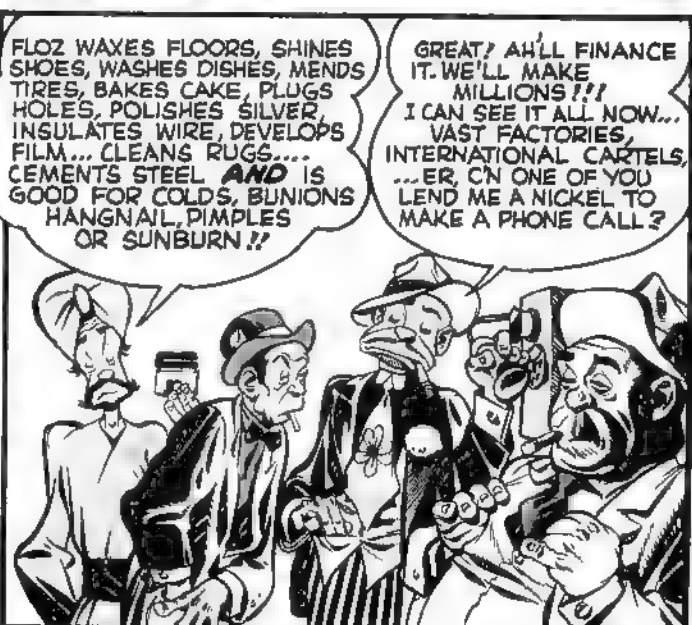
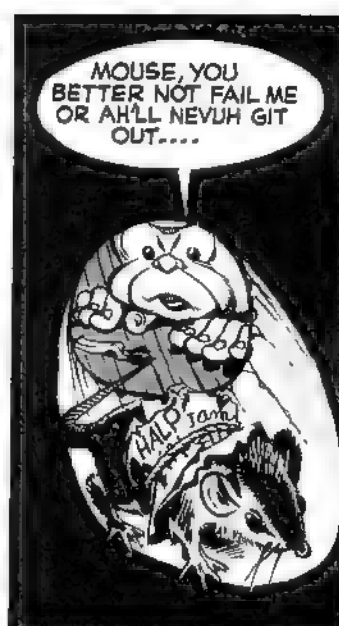


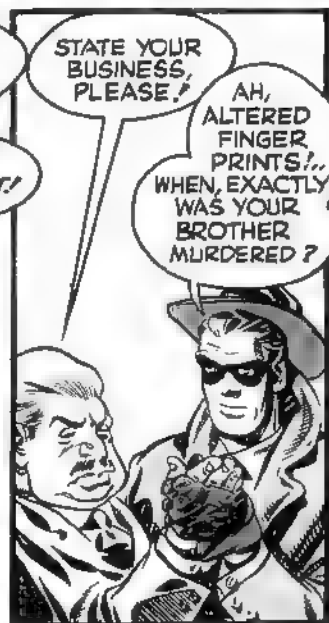
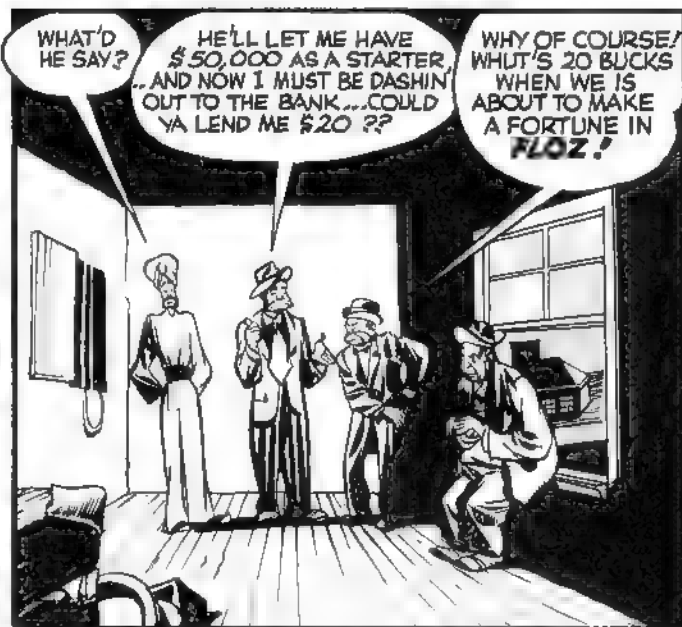






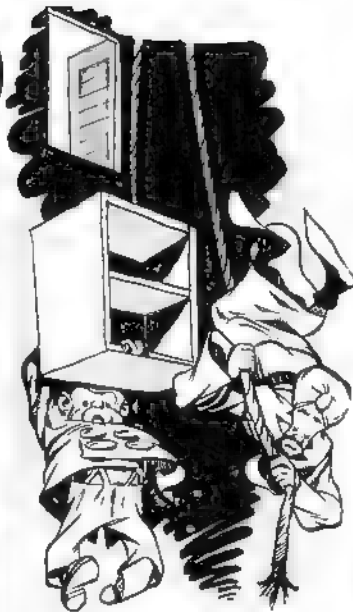












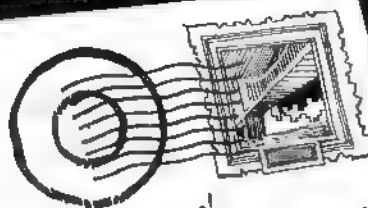




Dere Spirit

I am off on the hi-road  
of adventure in the kumpony  
of Hoagy the Yogi who thinks  
I am a ghost he made appear  
last week. I think he is a  
FONEY but pins he is paying  
my fare I dont care. He sez  
we are going to sell the magic  
lunch box to a Eastern potent  
king.

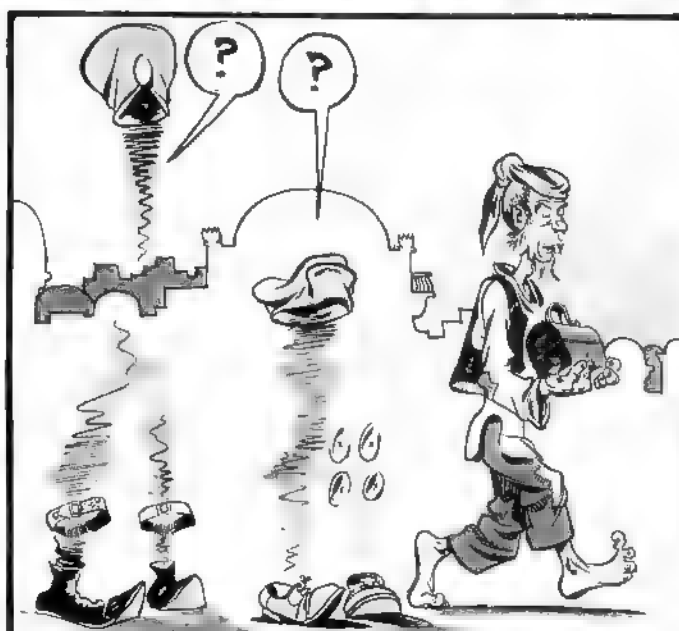
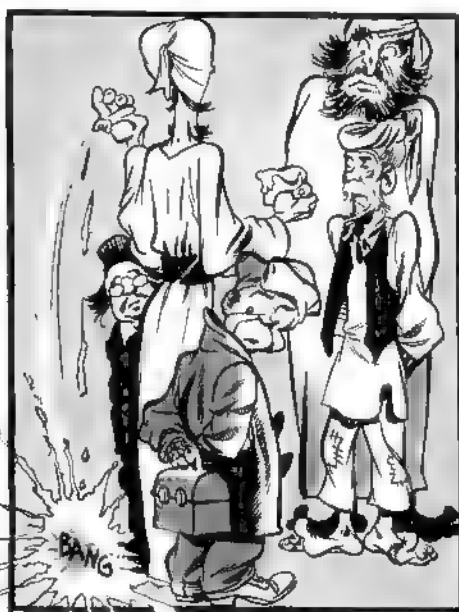
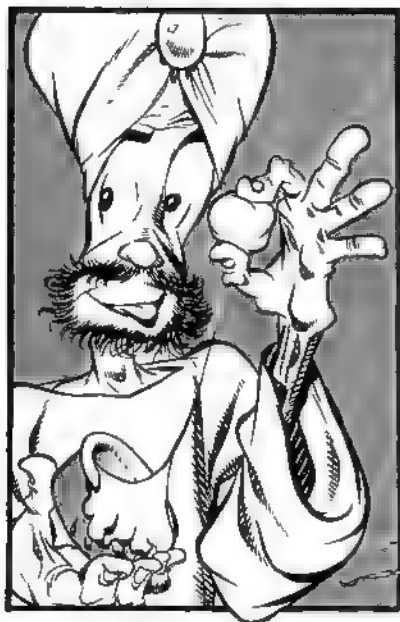
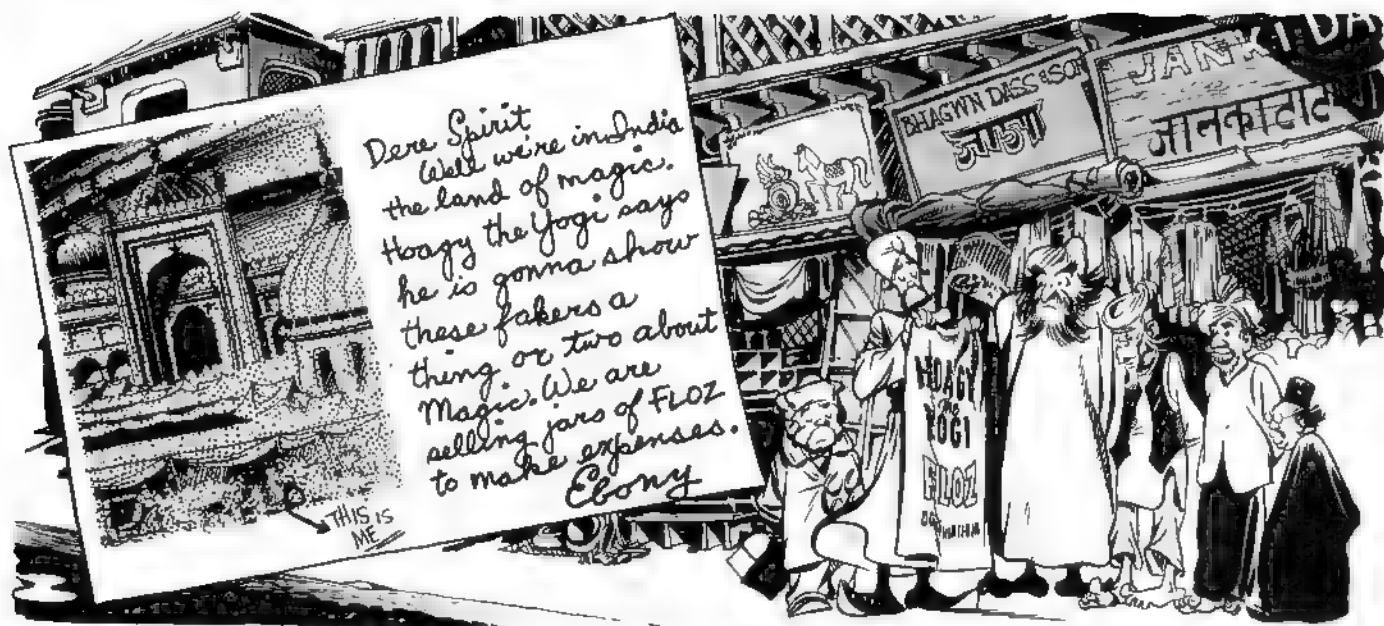
I am sure to come back  
a millyonaire and will open  
up my own Detektiff kumpony  
Ebony



THE  
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BY WILL EISNER  
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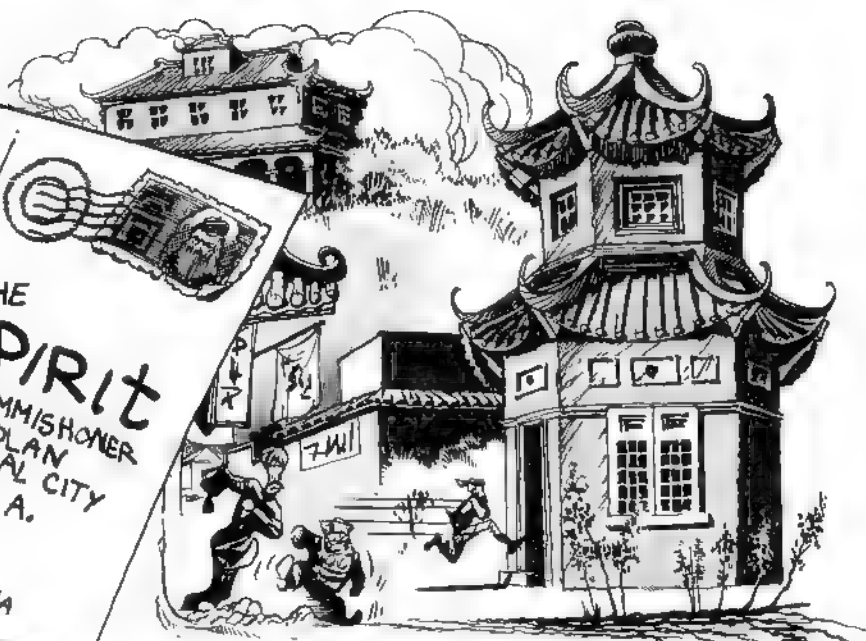






Dare Spirit,  
 This is the first time  
 I been able to write  
 since we got ~~smack~~  
 unmagicked again.  
 People kin see us again.  
 They say it was done  
 by Thivlers. We're in  
 China on the trail of  
 TU-DE-LAMA who stole the  
 magic ball from us.  
 China is a funny place.  
 They're all forrivers.  
 P.S. We have just found TU-DE-LAMA  
 and we're chasing him.

THE  
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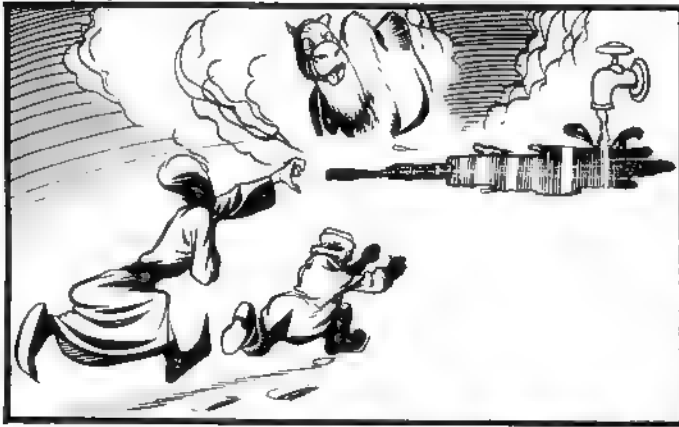
Dere Spirit  
 I guess you are surprised to  
 find this comes from Arabia. We  
 are on our way to the Shiek of  
 Arabee to sell him the box.. He  
 advertized in the papers that he  
 will pay 1 million pezoos for it.  
 We are entering the desert which  
 is full of mirages.

*Elony*

P.S. EVERYONE HAS  
 HIS OWN  
 KINDA MIRAGE

DON'T BELIEVE THAT.  
 WE AINT SEEN ONE  
 FOR A WEEK.

Travel in  
 ARABIA













# CHEAP is CHEAP

BY WILL EISNER

THAT'S A PRE-WAR  
EXPERIMENTAL MODEL  
Y'R LOOKING AT, SON....  
MANUFACTURED BY A  
**DEFUNCT** COMPANY..  
HOW ABOUT A KNOWN  
BR....?

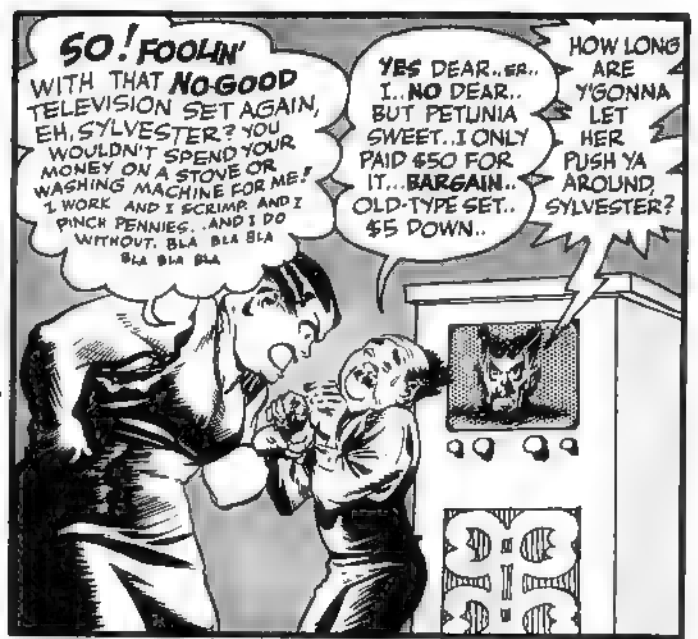
**NOPE!** AH DON'T  
CARE EF'N IT IS  
**DEEFLUNKT**... C'N  
AH PAY 30 CENTS  
DOWN AN' 10 CENTS  
A WEEK?

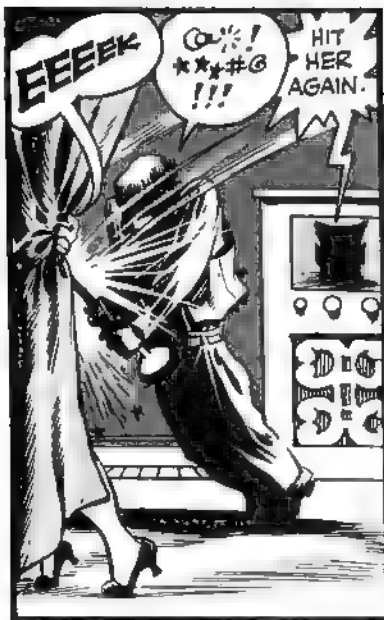
**30 CENTS??** OH  
**HAHAHAHA**... NO, I'M  
AFRAID NOT... THEY COST  
\$50<sup>00</sup> EACH... YOU'D BE  
YEARS PAYING  
FOR IT!

**GOLLY**... AH  
SHO' WISHT AH  
COULD GET ME  
A TELEVISION SET...  
GEE, BEIN' PORE  
IS AWFUL  
INCONVENIENT!

**WAIT!!** TELL YOU WHAT I'M GONNA DO!  
I ONLY HAD 4 OF THOSE OLD \$50<sup>00</sup>  
SETS... I SOLD 3 OF THEM ON INSTALLMENT  
AND I'VE GOT TO **COLLECT** THE FIRST PAYMENT...  
NOW, IF YOU'LL DO THE COLLECTING, I'LL PAY YOU  
A COMMISSION... THEN YOU CAN APPLY THE  
**MONEY** YOU MAKE TOWARD THE  
LAST SET....

**AH GET IT...**  
MISTUH SALESMAN..  
SHAKE HANDS WIF YO'  
NEW COLLECTOR..  
**AH'M HIRED!**  
GIMME TH' BILLS.







**15 MINUTES LATER..**

HAMM... SOMETHING VERY PECULIAR ABOUT THIS...

OH, F'R CRYIN' OUT LOUD, SPIRIT... THIS IS A SIMPLE CASE OF MURDER AND SUICIDE... HE THOUGHT EBONY WAS A COP... FIGURED HE COULDN'T ESCAPE.. THAT'S ALL!

THAT'S JUST IT, DOLAN.. THERE WAS A WAY OUT... THE WINDOW TO THE BACK ALLEY... WHY DIDN'T HE TRY THAT?

HAMM... AH!! TRY MRS. GOODBROW NEXT.

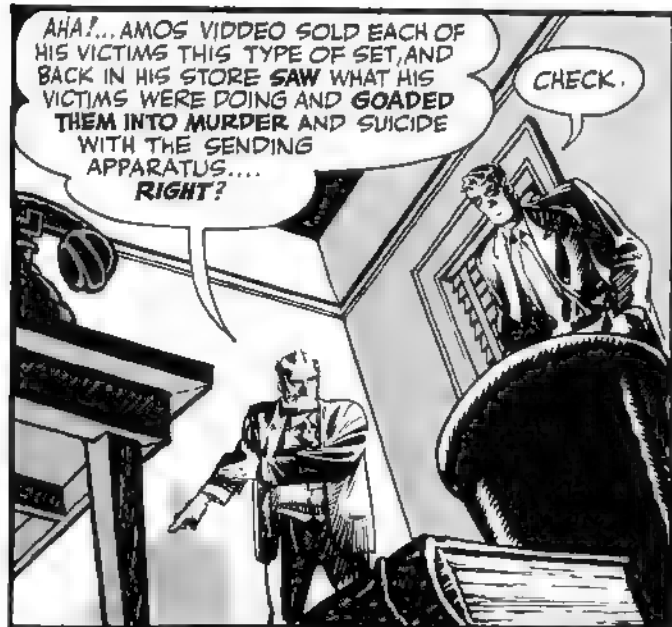
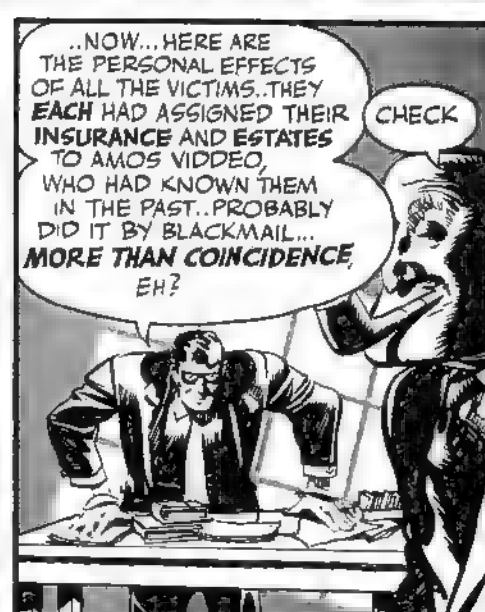
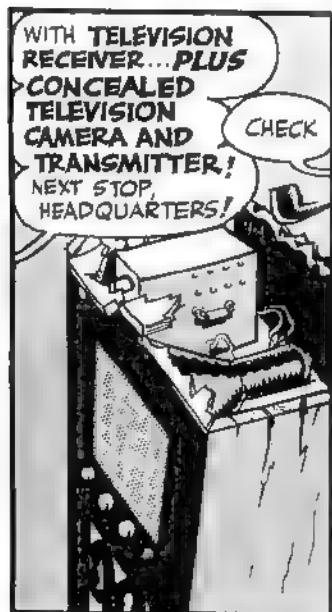
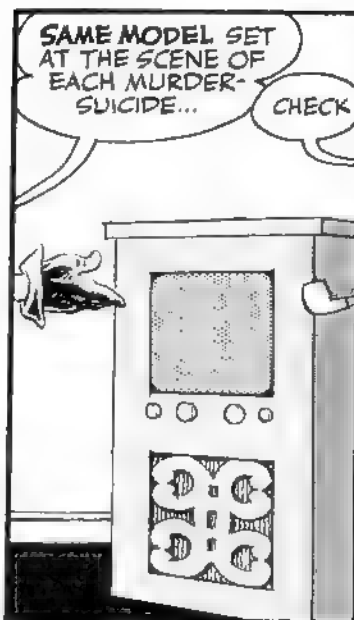
**ACME RADIO SHOPPE**  
**AMOS VIDEO, INC.**

NAME *Mrs. Dolan*  
ADDRESS *247 Spring St.*  
TERMS *Credit* DEPOSIT *\$5*

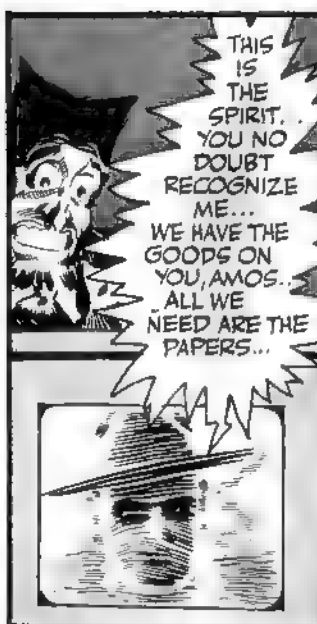
1	Television set	\$50
	Balance due	\$45







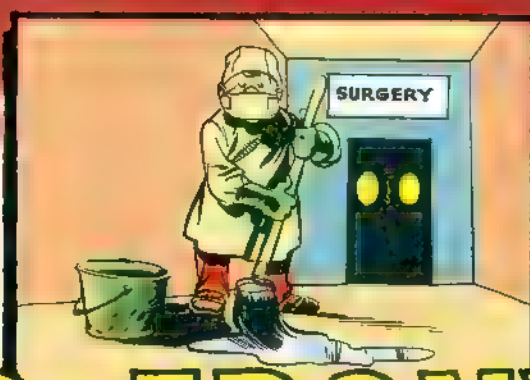
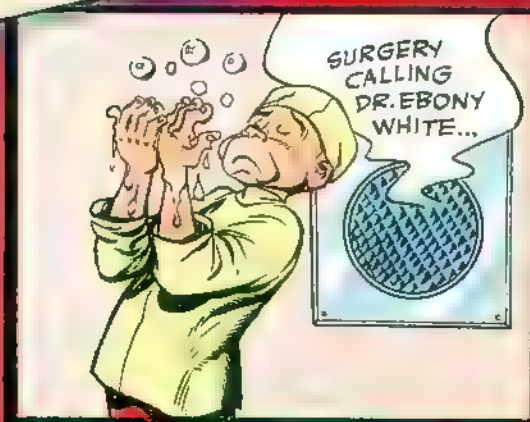
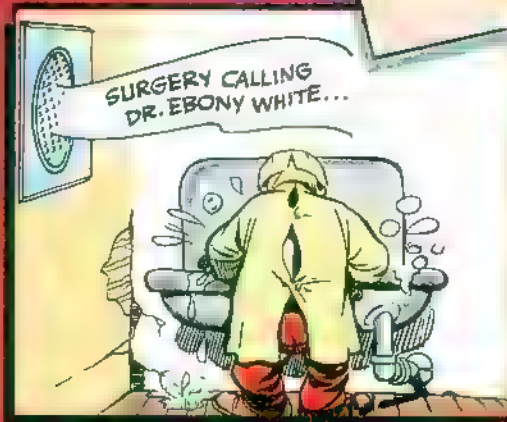




# THE SPIRIT

By WILL EISNER

We regret to announce that Mr. Eisner is sick this week. So, at great expense, we have obtained the services of Alonzo Hack for the writing of this story. Mr. Hack, as you all know, is the well-known writer of radio daytime serials.



# YOUNG DR. EBONY

THE STORY OF A YOUNG MAN'S STRUGGLE THROUGH LIFE  
THAT ASKS THE QUESTION....

"CAN A YOUNG MAN STRUGGLE THROUGH LIFE?"

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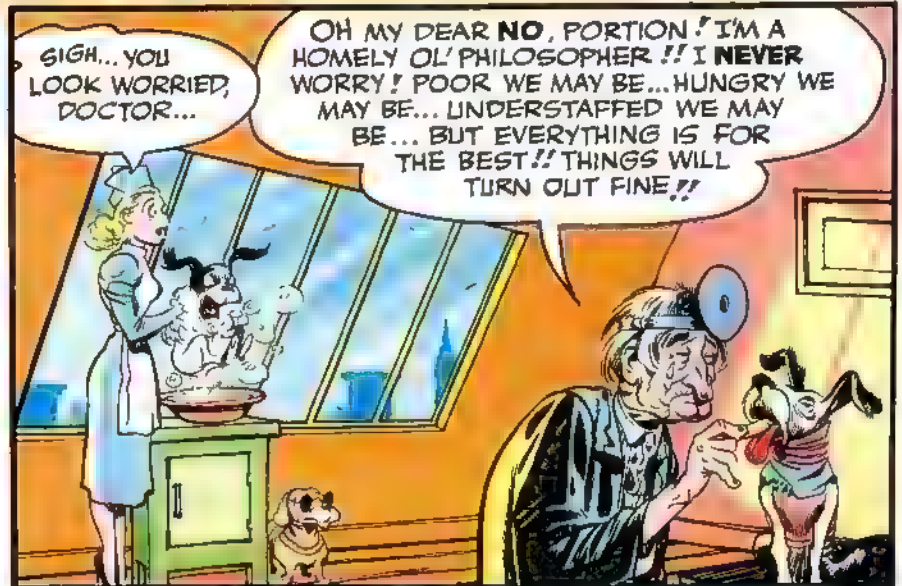
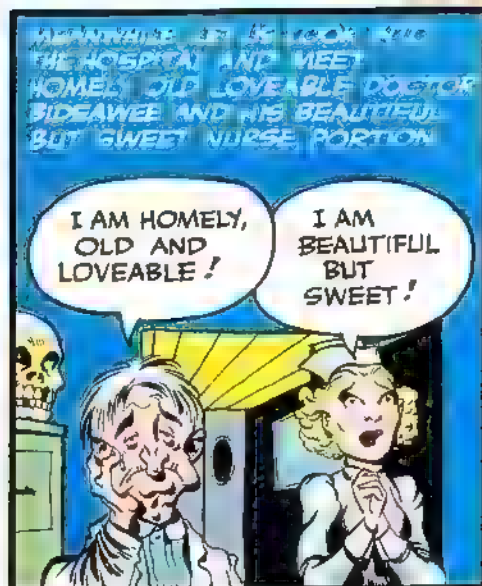
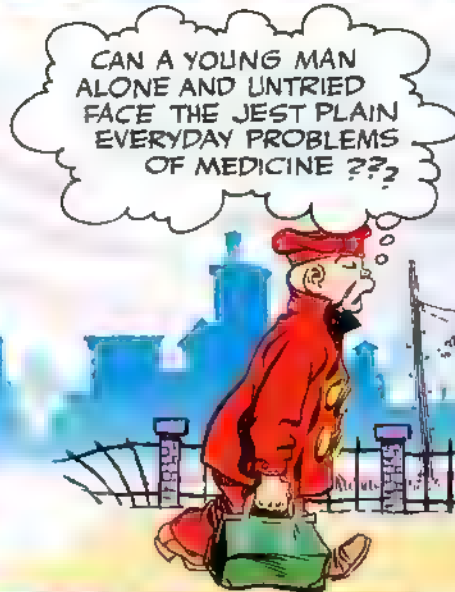
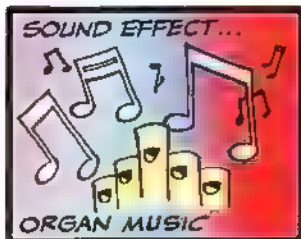
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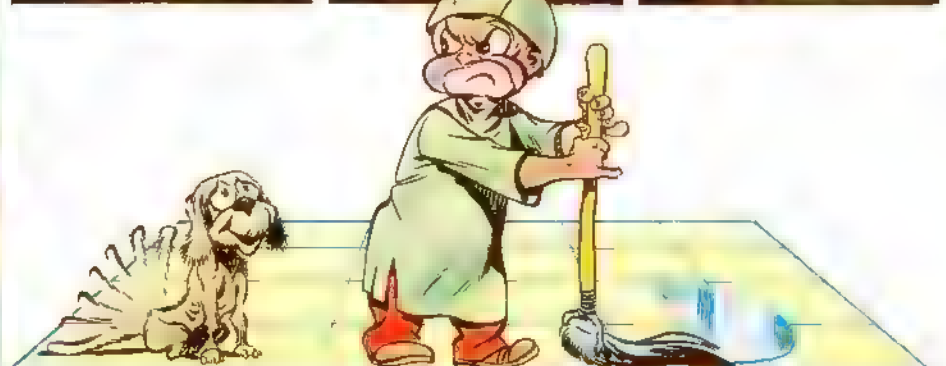
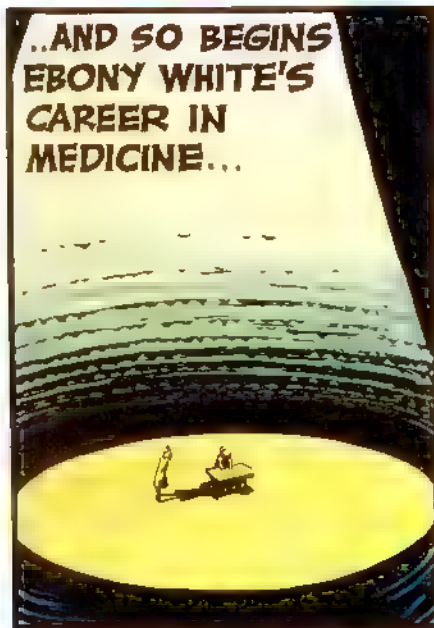
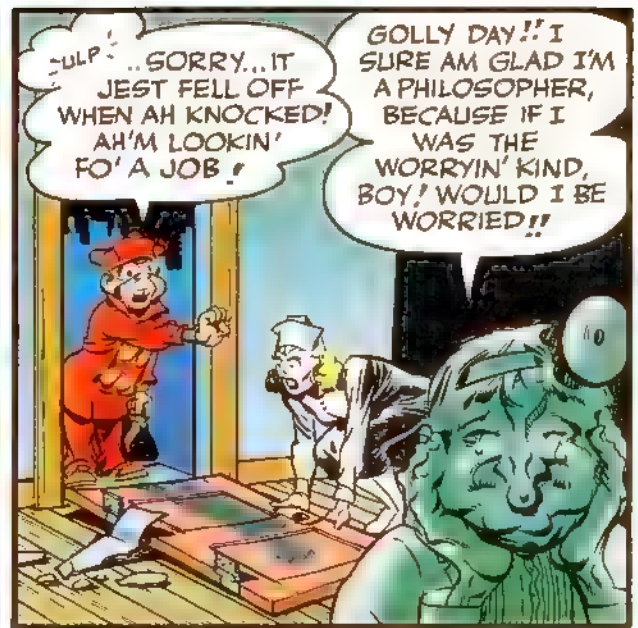
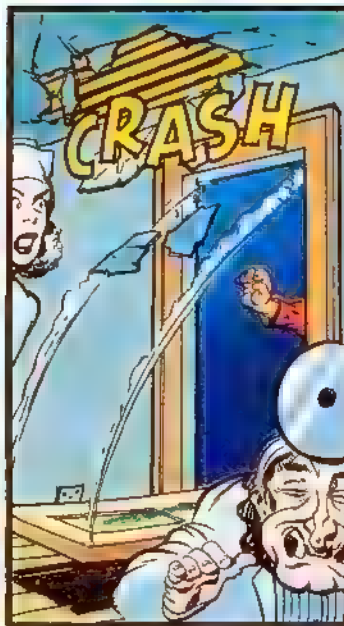
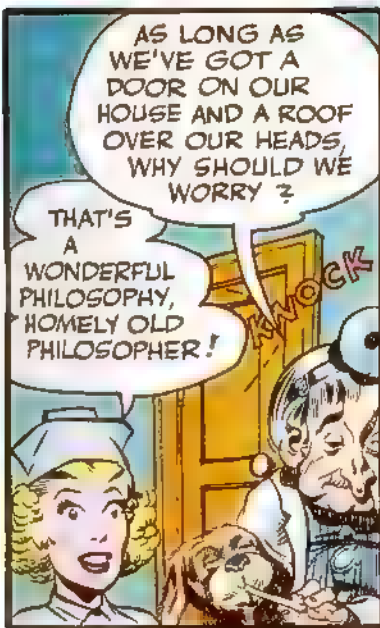
WHEN LAST WE MET YOUNG EBONY, HE HAD DECIDED TO GIVE UP HIS CAREER AS THE SPIRIT'S ASSISTANT, AND ENTER THE MEDICAL PROFESSION. AS OUR SCENE OPENS, EBONY IS PACKING...



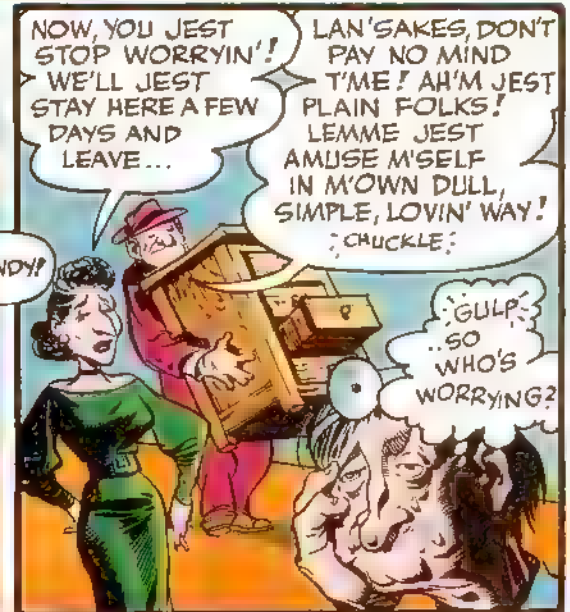
... AND SO, WITH HEART BEATING PROUDLY, YOUNG DR. WHITE STARTS OUT ON HIS CAREER...



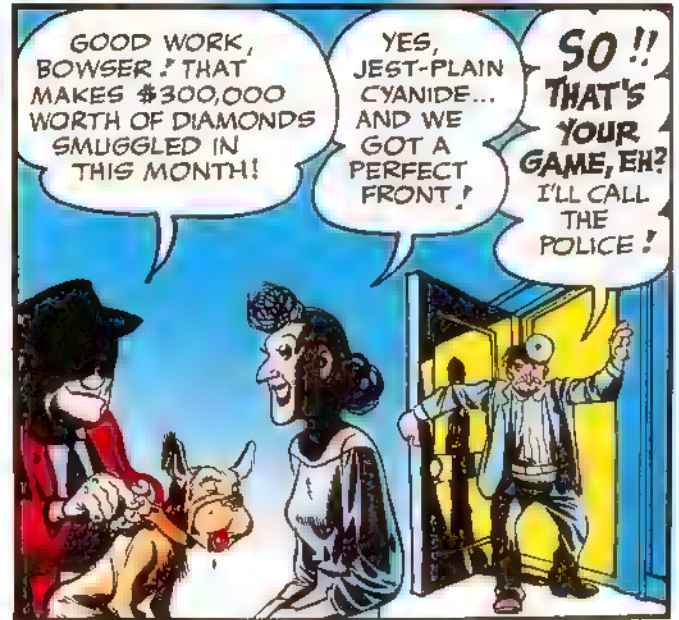
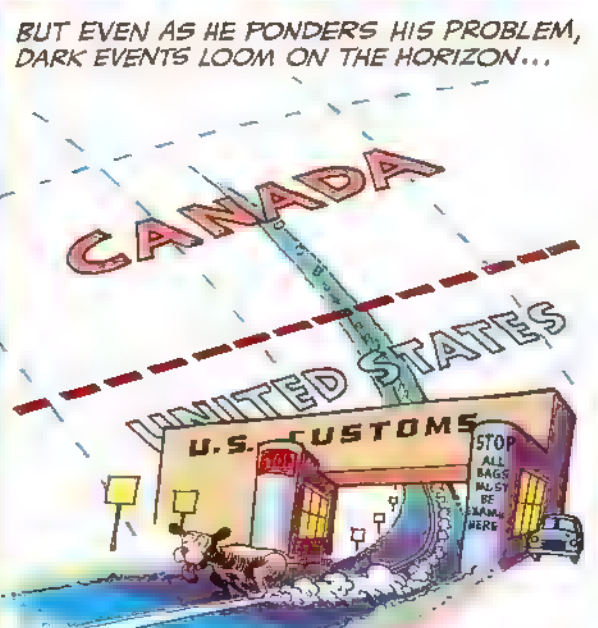
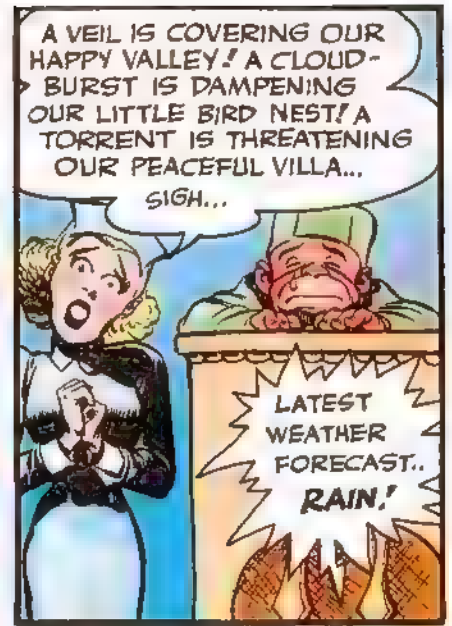
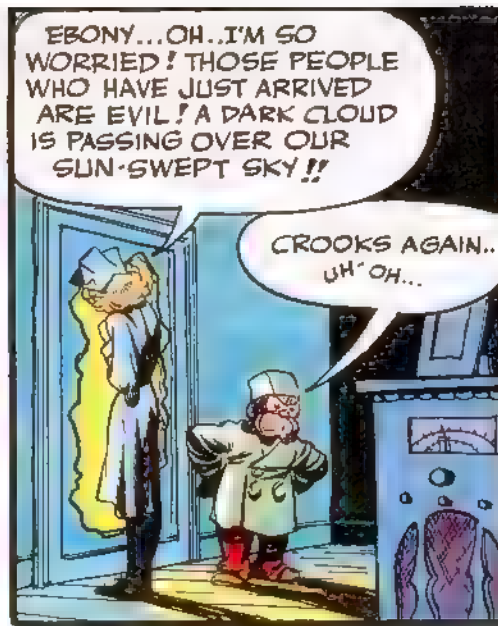
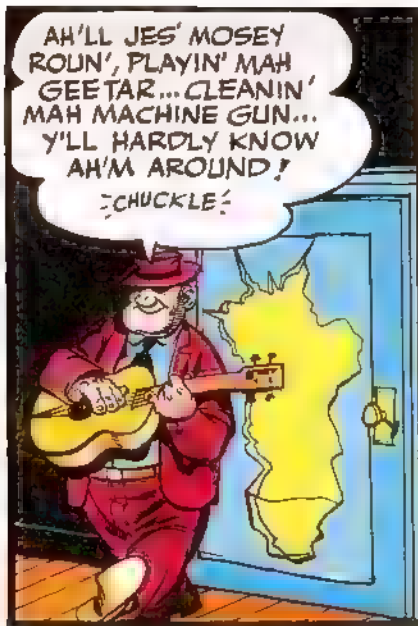




BUT WHILE YOUNG DOCTOR WHITE NOBLY FULFILLS HIS DREAMS, LITTLE DOES HE KNOW OF THE EVIL FORCES THAT SPEED EVER CLOSER TO HIM...











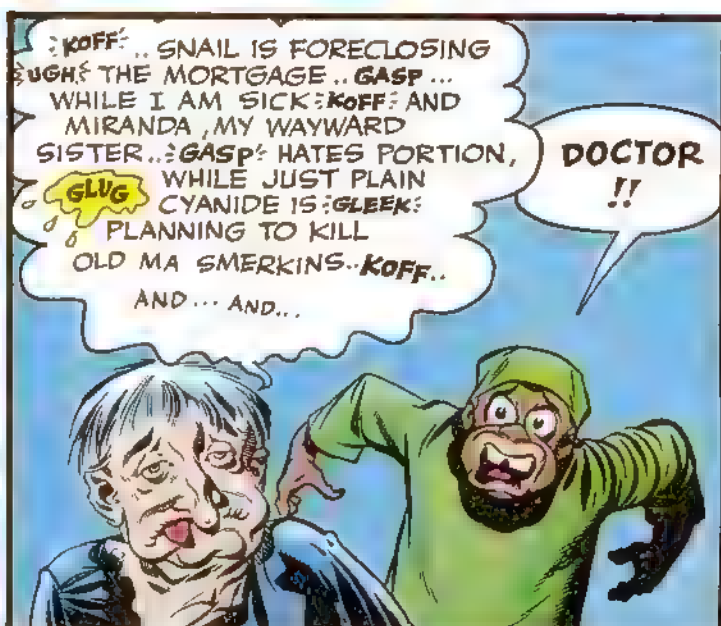
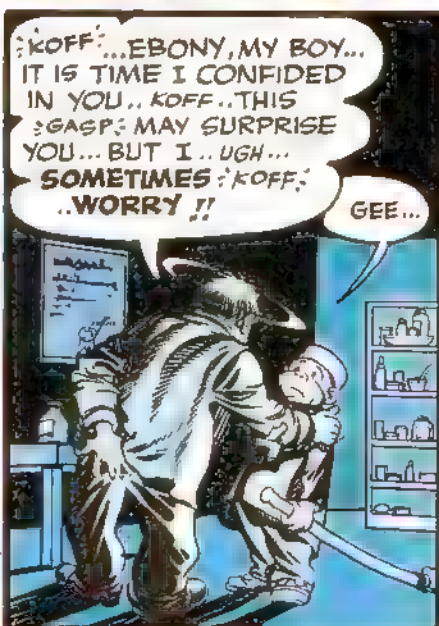
A BRIEF INTERLUDE FOR FRED BALOAN AND HIS POEMS THAT CLUTCH THE HEART

*Oh, I can't forget those dinners  
That we et at Grandma's place,  
When we'd sit for seven hours  
Shovin' stuffin' in our face...*

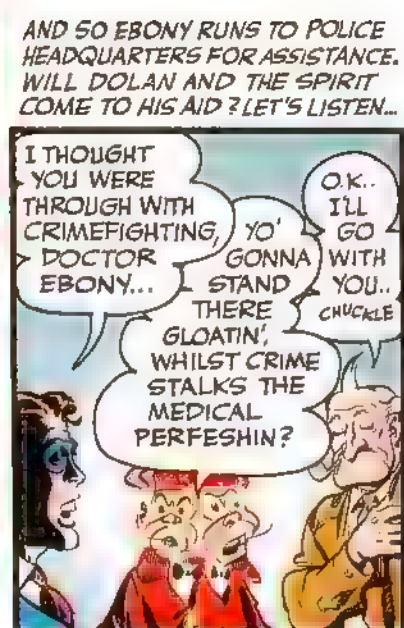
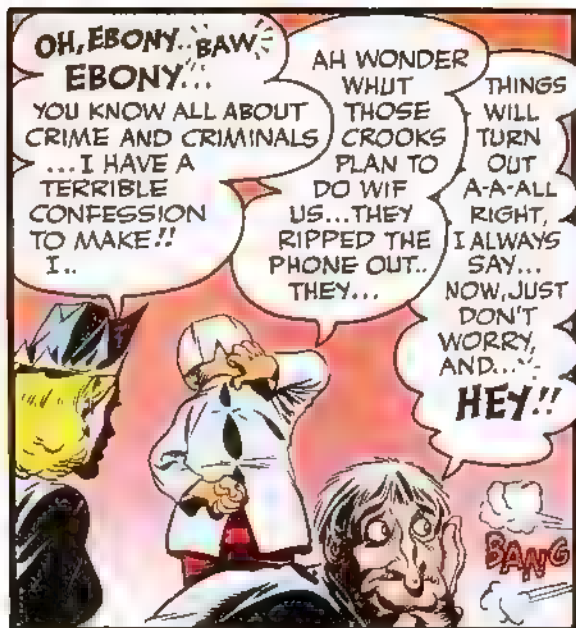
*Oh, the dumplin's went down smoothly,  
And the huckleberry tart,  
But that forty-second meatball  
Keeps a-clutchin' at my heart...*

AND NOW... BACK TO HOMELY OLD PHILOSOPHER

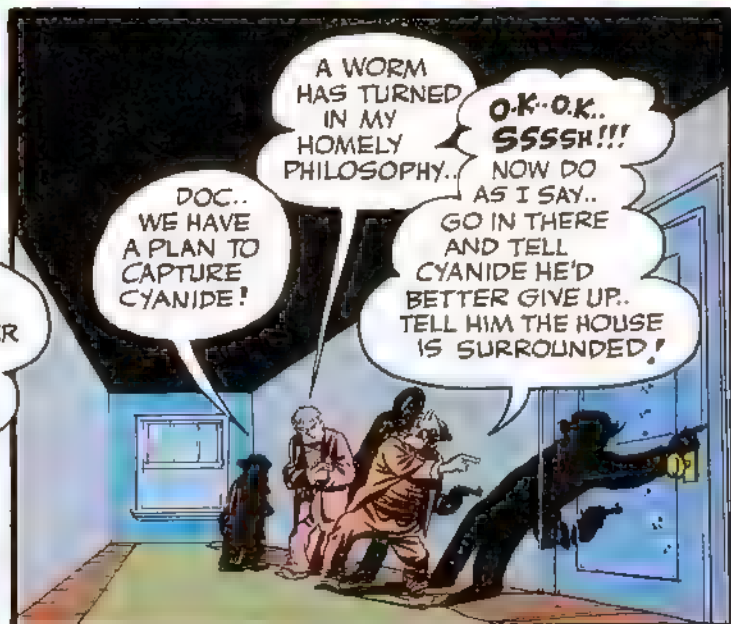
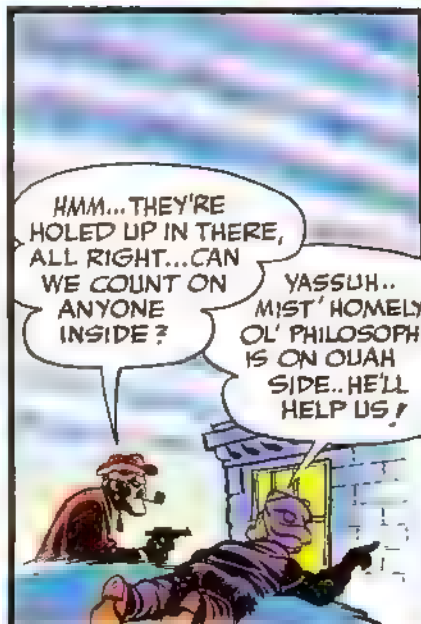
YOU'LL REMEMBER THAT JUST PLAIN CYANIDE AND MIRANDA OF ALCATRAZ HILL INVADDED THE BIDEAWE HOME FOR DOGS TO USE IT AS A RECEIVING DEPOT FOR SMUGGLED DIAMONDS. NOW...



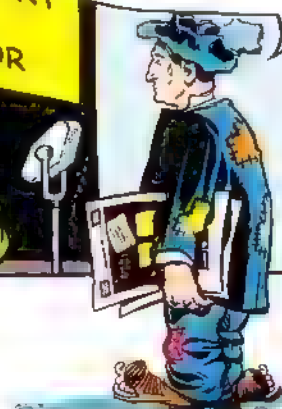
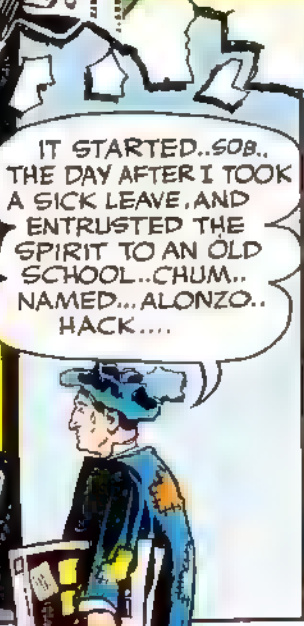
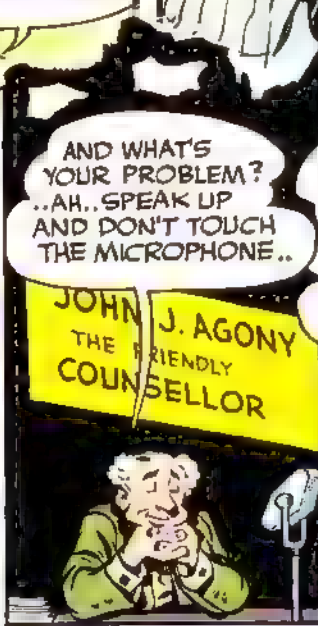
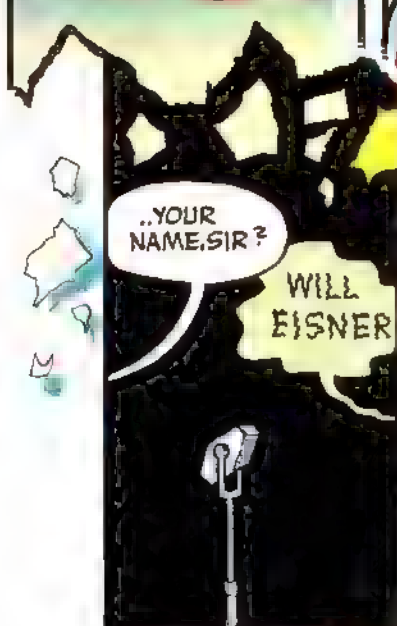
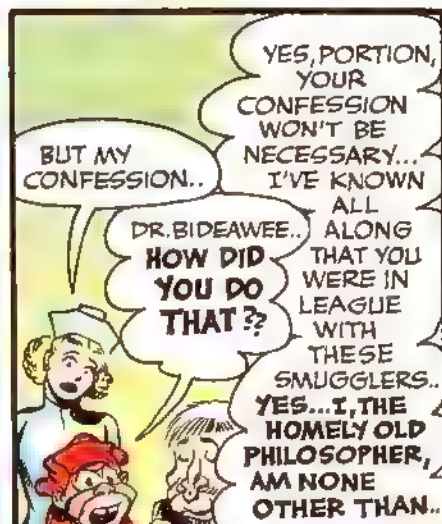
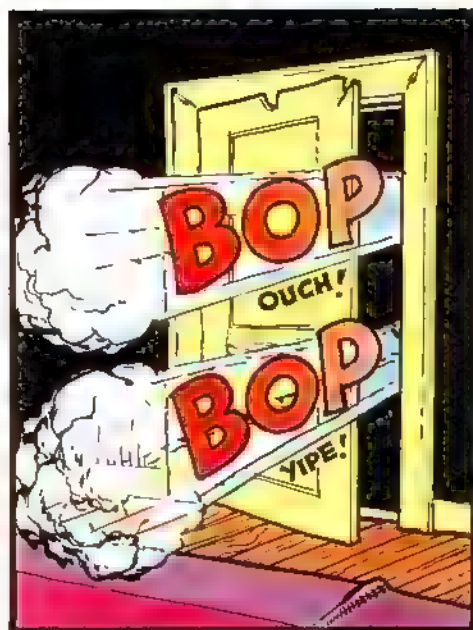
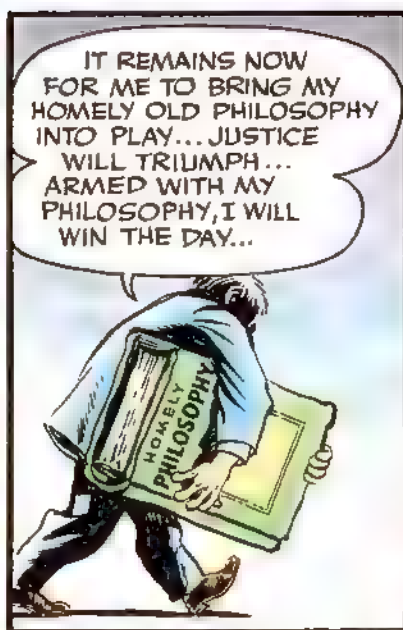
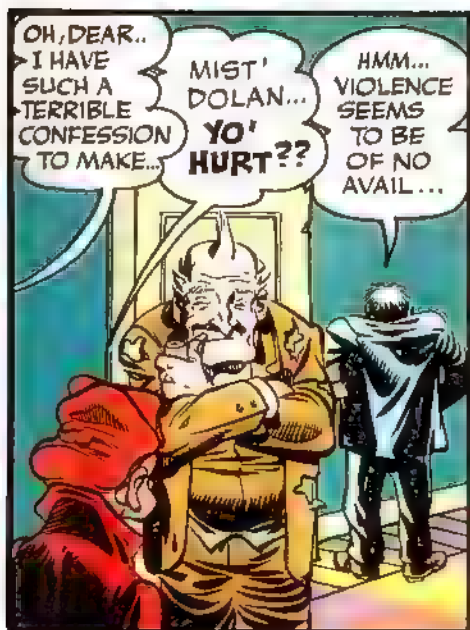




AND SO WHEN WE NEXT SEE YOUNG DOCTOR EBONY, HE IS WITH HARD-BUT-HONEST COMMISSIONER DOLAN AS THEY TRY TO BRING A LITTLE LAW INTO THE LIVES OF JUST PLAIN CYANIDE AND MIRANDA OF ALCATRAZ HILL..









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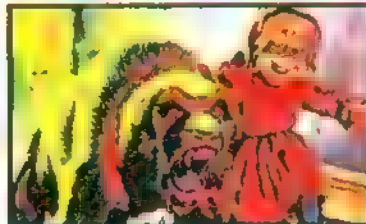
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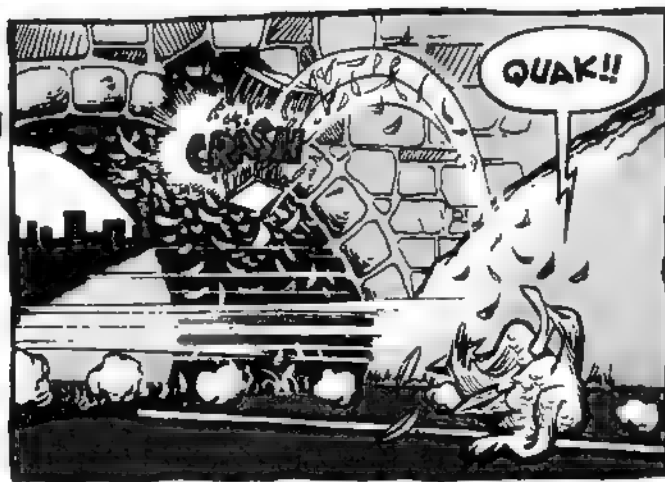
This is the season for resolve! and there is no one... but no one... who is more resolute than the guy who thinks he's a heck of a lot smarter than his neighbor.....

Funny part of it is that he is usually quite right and while he takes a beating from the guys who fail to recognise this, a time of crisis somehow arises, giving vehicle to his ambition.....!!  
that *Junior*; is life!!!

In fact, just such a moment arrived on the threshold of a *New Year*... and *Hubert*... the hero of this story, stepped forward in true *Napoleonic* fashion.....  
(er... *Hubert* is a *DUCK*!)



\* which means...  
\* If you guys are going to get meekly by while we get carted off to make meat on someone's New Year's table... you're quacky! The time has come for a leader.... namely *ME*! I am going to save you!!





And so, while Hubert seeks to cancel his appointment with destiny...a couple of foul ducks have their goose about to be cooked ..... HEH, HEH, HEH!

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GUYS GOT HERE--WE BETTER GET THIS LITTLE PARTY OVER WITH...BUT QUICK! THE SPIRIT IS COMBING THE TOWN FOR ME! ONCE WE SPLIT THAT ROCK, THE EVIDENCE IS DESTROYED AND HE'LL BE HELPLESS!

AHSTAPPA! SANQU DIAMONT SMUGGLER, EH? FINE TEENG!! POOTA ME DOWN--I'MA SLOG SOMMBODDY!!

NOW, TAKE IT EASY, POP, OR WE WILL HANG ONE ON YER NOGGIN!



LISSEN, PARRELLI, YOU'RE THE BEST DIAMOND CUTTER IN TOWN AND I'M TH' MOST DESPERATE DEALER IN TOWN! EITHER YOU CUT THE ICE AND GET PAID, OR I'LL KILL YOU!

AHSA FINE! I'MA GET A CHERCE!



-EENIE MEENIE! I'MA CHOOSE TO LIVE--- GIMME D'TOOLS!



QUIET NOW, I'LL TAP EET--AHWAN, AHTWO, BOTTIN MY SHOE... H-HEY...!



MAHMA MEEA! SHE'S ASWARLOW EET.....



GRAB THAT BIRD, YOU DOPES! G\*#@\* THAT'S THE HOBE DIAMOND...IT'S WORTH A FORTUNE!



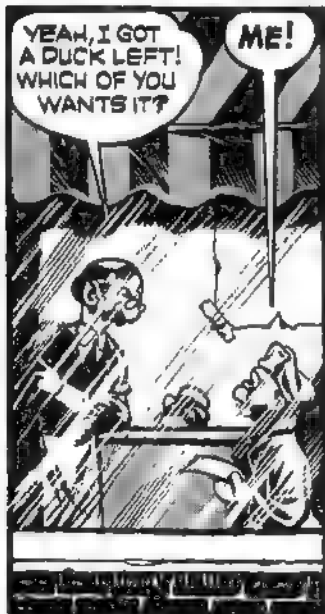
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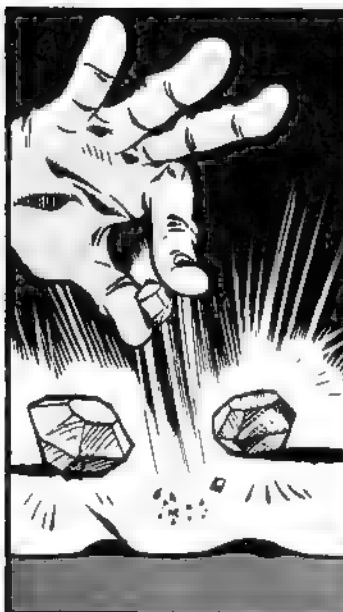


WELL--HELLO, BOYS!



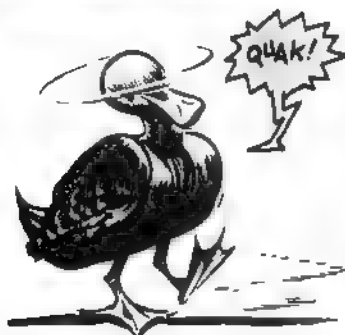








As night falls, we find our hero, **HUBERT**, dazed, but still determined to outwit the cruel destiny of his kind.



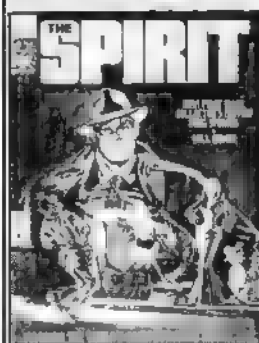
And as the New Year begins, we beg you to pause but briefly in your busy affairs to pity those who, like 'Squeezer', will be engulfed by the wine of their own greed.....

--and pay homage to those minor martyrs, who, like Hamlet, "would take arms against a sea of trouble", only to be drowned by the backwash....

--for who are we to judge a man upon his face value?? There may be a lot more to him, inside!!!



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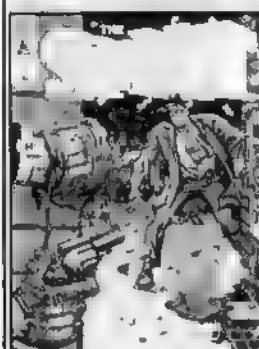
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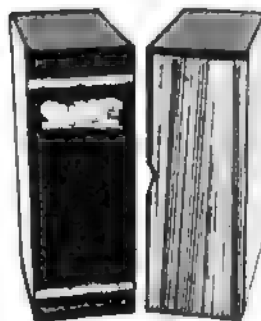
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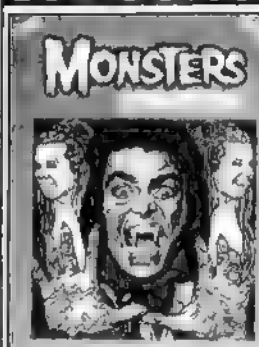


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# THE EXPLORER SPIRIT

BY WILL EISNER

**What** is the impulse  
that makes man eternally  
the explorer... that  
drives him from home  
and hearthside to seek  
the distant horizon  
and the void beyond?  
**Is** it a desire for glory...  
for love... adventure...  
riches... or a yearning  
for 'something different'?

**Ah,** but enough of this  
bootless philosophizing;  
whatever the reason,  
the fact remains that at the  
North Pole one coolish day...

...a little Eskimo girl said **MUSH** and headed south...





And... some weeks later...

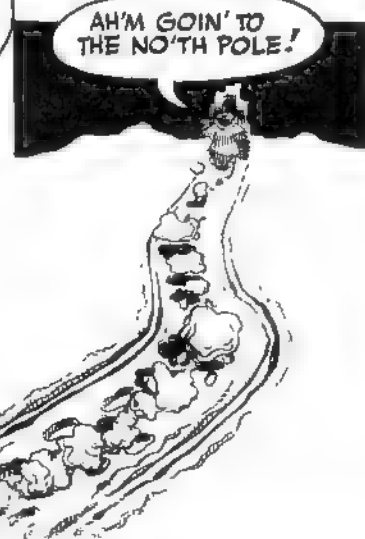
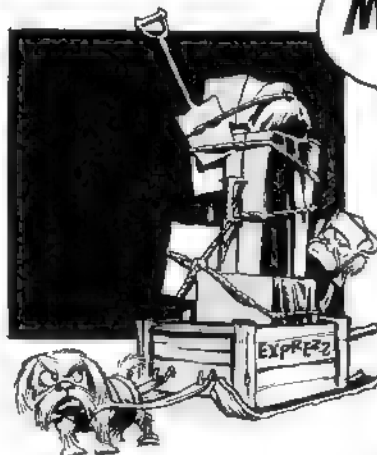


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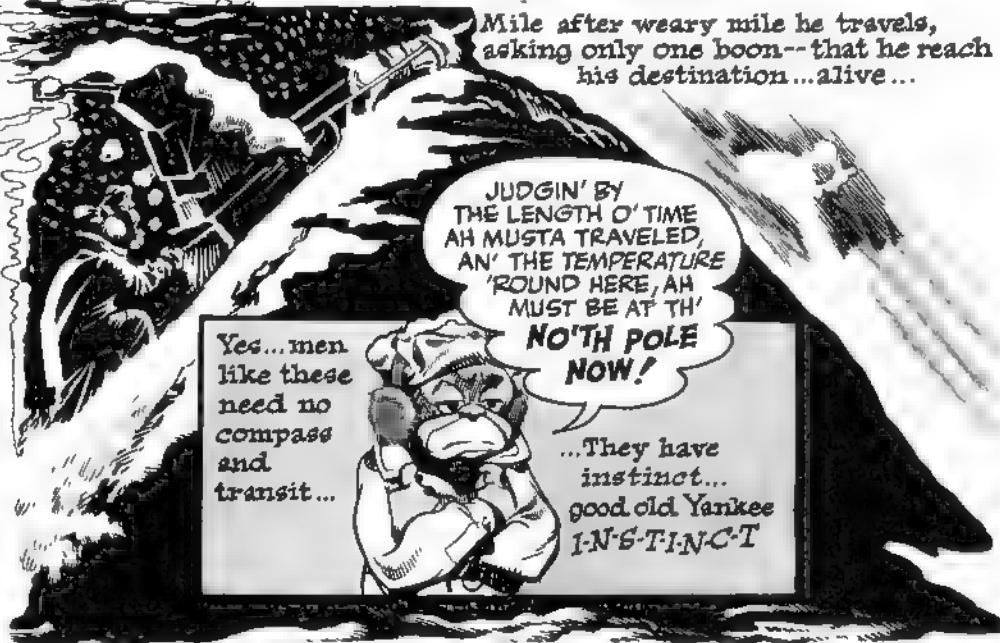
a little American boy said

**MUSH!**

...and headed north.



And so...like those intrepid men of old... our hero sets out, armed with the explorer's weapons... time... and dumb courage...

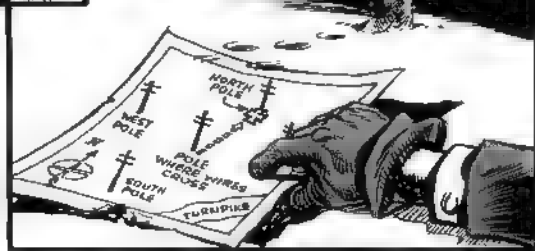
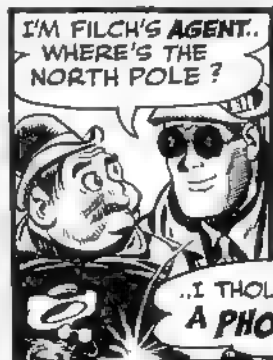
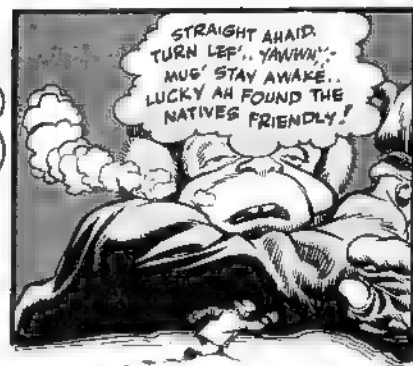
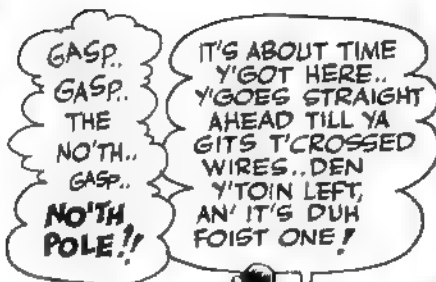


Mile after weary mile he travels, asking only one boon--that he reach his destination...alive...

Yes...men like these need no compass and transit...

JUDGIN' BY THE LENGTH O' TIME AH MUSTA TRAVELED, AN' THE TEMPERATURE 'ROUND HERE, AH MUST BE AT TH' **NO'TH POLE NOW!**

...They have instinct... good old Yankee **I-N-S-T-I-N-C-T**



Meanwhile...



unswayed by sheer physical exhaustion...

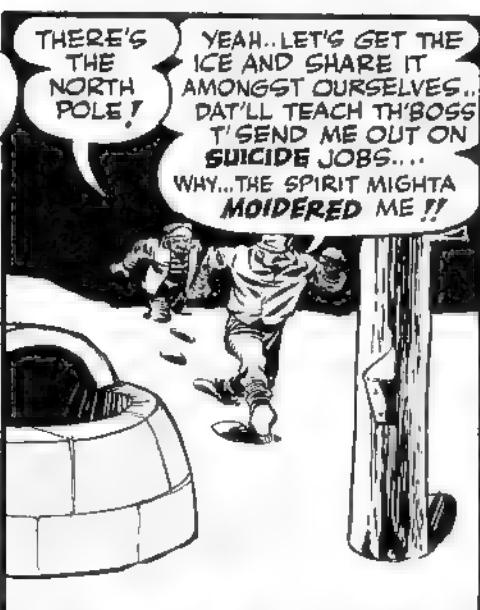


our hero... our intrepid explorer...

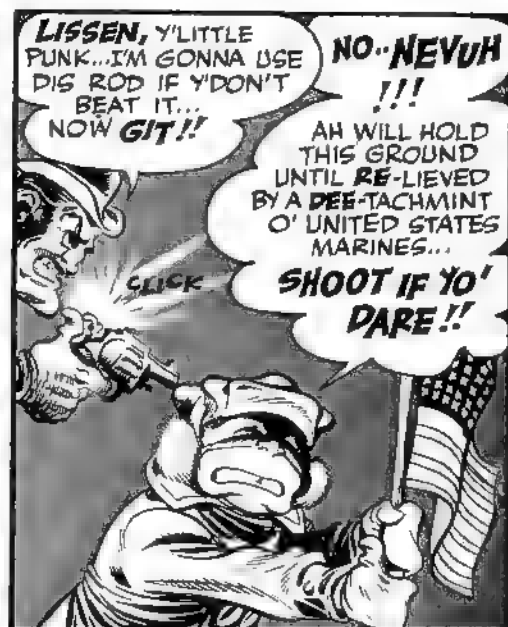


reaches his goal... at last...

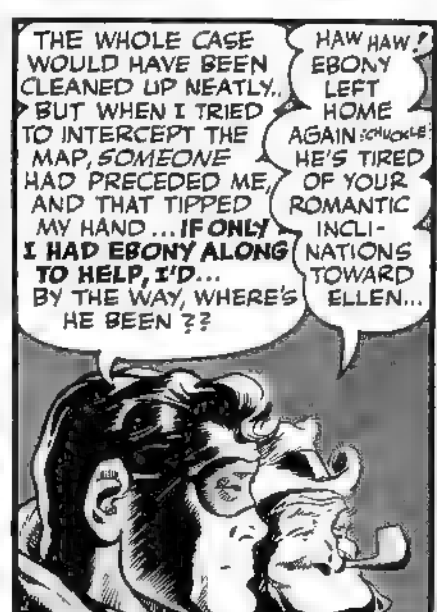














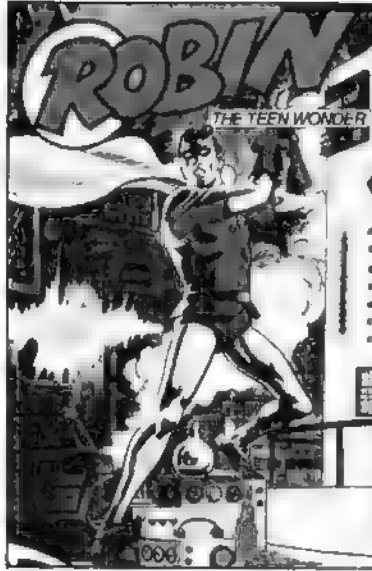
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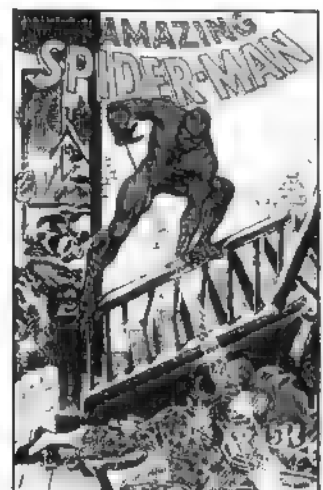
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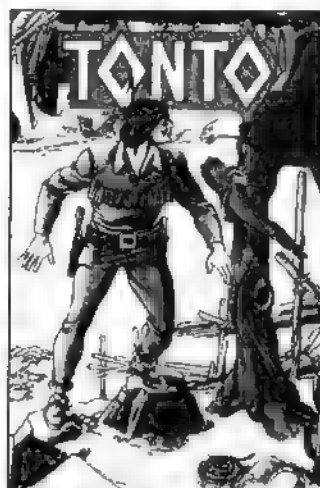
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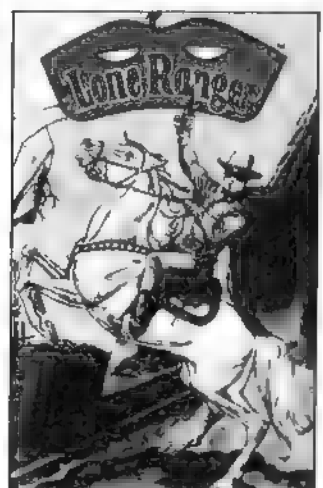
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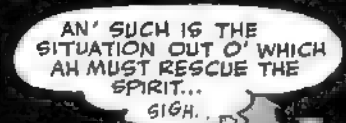


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# A PRISONER of LOVE







**MIST' SPIRIT..  
MIST' SPIRIT..**

AH TOL' YO'...  
YO' BEEN LETTIN' YO'  
MIND WANDER TO  
ELLEN DOLAN !



**NONSENSE,**  
EBONY...FRACTURE  
JUST TOOK ME BY  
SURPRISE...NOW  
I WANT YOU  
TO LISTEN  
CAREFULLY...



**AH CAN'T  
STAND IT  
NO LONGER..**  
..WHY DON'T WE  
GIT WORD...?

YOU MAY COME  
IN NOW, BOYS...  
HE'S READY  
FOR  
VISITORS.

YOU SEE, I'M PERFECTLY  
ABLE TO GET OUT OF BED..BUT  
FOR NOW I WANT IT KNOWN  
THAT I'M VERY SICK...THAT  
WILL KEEP DUDE DOYLE IN  
TOWN. I WANT YOU TO  
\*TAIL' HIM...

YASSUH...  
NOW YO' TALKIN'  
LIKE YO' OLE  
SELF AGIN...  
**PEET-AN-PEE-PEET..**  
AH'M AWAY  
IN A CLOUD O'  
SMOKE !



OH, HELLO,  
EBONY!  
IS THE SPIRIT..  
ALL RIGHT...?



OH...UH..HULLO,  
MISS DOLAN...  
YAS'M...HE'S..  
O.K... SORTA...

GOOD..  
GOOD!



SPIRIT **DARLING !**

MAN-WRECKER

SMACK



THAT EVENING, AG THE  
SUN SETS ON CENTRAL  
CITY...

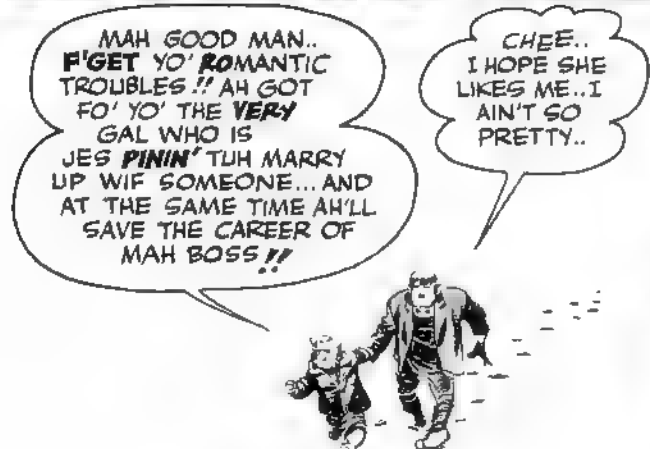
HELLO, FRACTURE..  
THIS IS DOYLE..TH'  
HOSPITAL REPORTS  
THE **SPIRIT** IN **BAD**  
**CONDITION**..NOW'S  
THE TIME TO MOVE..  
..MEET ME AT  
MAXIE'S  
AT MIDNIGHT...



AH..NOT A  
SOUL ON THE  
STREET !



HEH HEH HEH..BY THE  
TIME THE SPIRIT IS  
ABLE TO WALK AGAIN,  
I'LL BE ON A SLOW  
BOAT TO CHINA !









A SPLIT-SECOND  
BREATHER...  
**NOW..TO CHECK  
ON THE BURNT  
PAPERS...**



AND SO...BACK AT  
THE HOSPITAL...

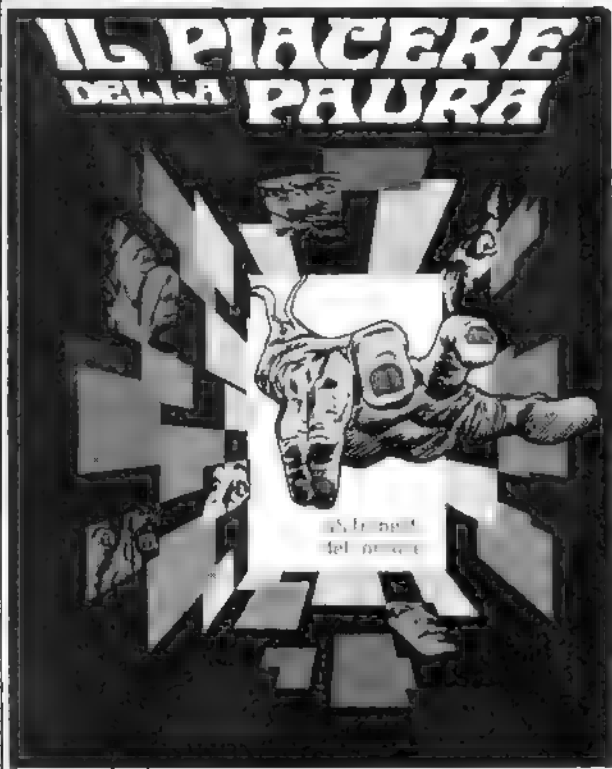
ROOM  
6  
POLICE  
WARD  
QUIET  
PLEASE

**SPIRIT..  
DARLING..**  
HERE I'VE  
BEEN  
TALKING TO  
YOU FOR TWO  
HOURS, AND  
YOU'VE SAID  
**NOTHING!**





# HORROR REVIEW



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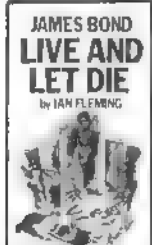
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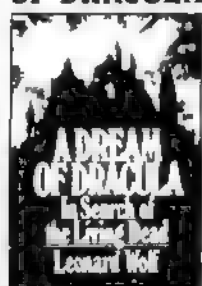
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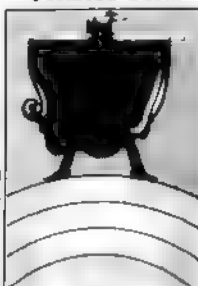
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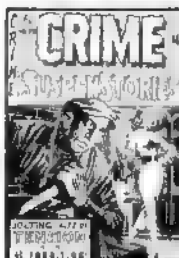


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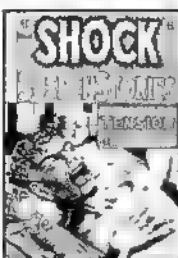
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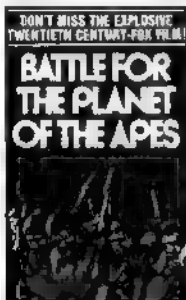
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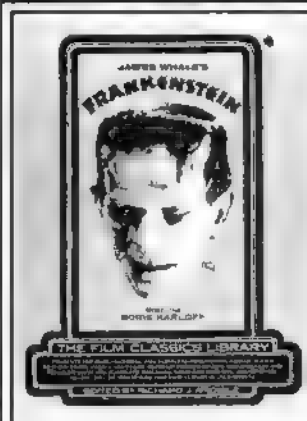


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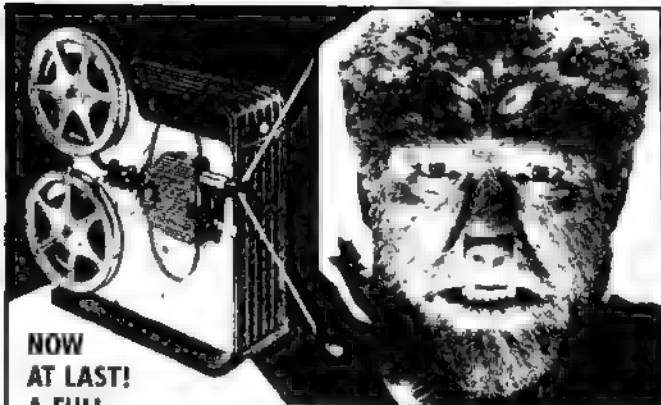
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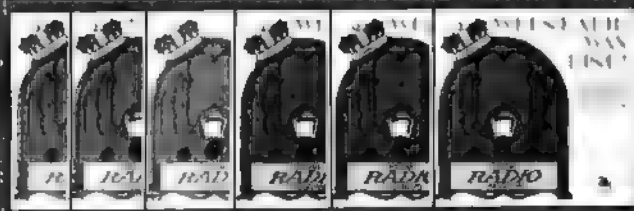
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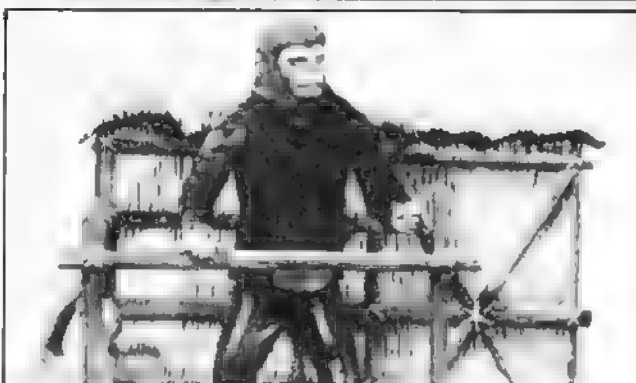


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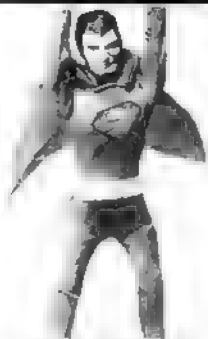
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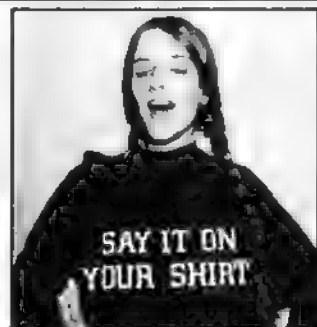
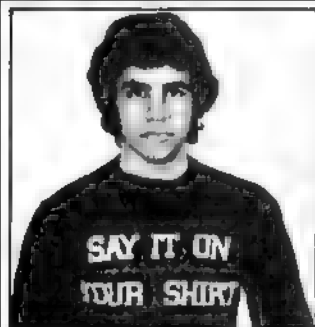
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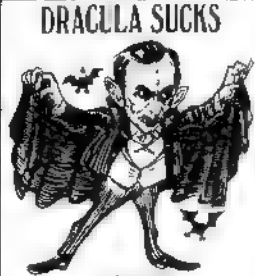
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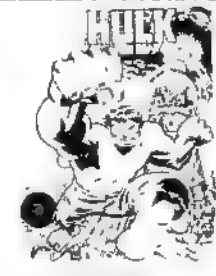
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